

Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday January 2, 2024, at 7:15 pm in the Auditorium are as follows:

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Laflamme, Frank N., President	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Wagner, Timothy Joseph	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Arriaga, Abigail	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present via Zoom
Goff, Susan M.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Shumsky, Samuel Robert	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input—Lisa Bienvenue, 34 Everett Street, congratulations to new members. Congrats to all who won. Golf course shortfall in the budget. Meeting occurred before the new council came. Talked about all the improvements needed. Need to pay attention to where our money goes. Hope the sidewalks get as much attention. Ward 6 traffic, Litwin School, Bellamy School children, they are having pedestrian accidents. Hope you ask as many questions to have improvements to the streets. Sue Nimchick, 362 James Street, scorebook from January thru December. Thank new individuals that have been elected. Will you tell the truth? Will you be honest? Give a vote to tell the truth. Answer to all questions. Vital to the city/town/household. Be honest. Subcommittee on public input restricted to 5 minutes. Leadership, proper direction. No paper trails after some meetings. There should be one for every committee.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to close public input. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to return to the regular order of business. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Communications--none

Minutes --Motion to accept the minutes of 12/19/23 Briefing, 12/19/23 Council Meeting, & 1/1/24 Organizational Meeting. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-1 Mayor's appropriation of Twenty nine thousand nine hundred fifty eight and 00/100 dollars (\$29,958.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Parks Special Account for Purchase of Equipment from available funds in the Stabilization Fund for Capital Budgeting Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks stated Superintendent Strepka indicated there are 11 miles of sidewalk to plow. Much needed. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated supporting this much needed equipment. Sidewalks will be safe. School routes will be safe for children and people who walk. Councilor Labrie stated for this in ward 8 there is a big triangular area in the commons. With the snowblower running with the truck. Can't shut it off. Great idea. Quicker, will salt as blowing, would be a great necessity. Make life much easier. Councilor Courchesne stated in reality it's 22

miles. Snow blower double passes. Surprised we're not getting two. Councilor Wagner stated takes a lot of time/lot of people. Will be manned by one person. Good expenditure. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-2 Mayor's appropriation of Four thousand three hundred fifty eight and 23/100 dollars (\$4,358.23) to the following named account: Golf Special Account for Golf Course Maintenance from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to refer to the Finance Committee. Councilor Goff stated she has concerns, the company was hired in 2013 at \$508,00 on a 5 year plan so the course would be self-supporting now it's \$582,000. In 2023 \$603,000 the expenses are 1.2 million. Now being asked to give them \$5,000. Not self-sustaining. What was the return on the investment? Are they making enough to cover the 1.2 million dollars? We need better answers. How much of that is coming from the taxpayers? Councilor Pniak-Costello stated amazing a brand new councilor coming for her first meeting has this much information. Thank you for this information. Priorities have to be established. In 2013 Mayor Bissonnette took initiative to make sure the golf course became competitive. Employees went to other departments. Went private to make a profit. Goal in 2013 was that the course would be self-supporting. Is it self-supporting? Councilor Labrie stated clarify, given contract amounts with 5 year increases are contractual. The amounts are in the contract. Went out to bid. This is to hold us off for maintenance, was predetermined five years prior. Cover till the next contract is signed. Don't know time frame. Asking for money not convinced they don't need it. Councilor Shumsky stated contractual agreement. Already have contract. Councilor Roy stated golf course requires maintenance. In the black this year. All expenses have raised exponentially. Would behoove us to relax and see what happens down the road. Councilor Wagner stated will abstain from all votes at the golf course, uncle is a concessionaire. Councilor Arriaga stated want factual numbers. Councilor Krampits stated to pay gap in maintenance contract. Motion to refer was defeated by a roll call vote of 4 yes, 8 no, 1 abstained. Councilors Arriaga, Goff, Krampits, & Pniak-Costello voting yes. Councilor Wagner abstained.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 10 yes, 2 no, 1 abstained. Councilors Arriaga and Goff voting no. Councilor Wagner abstained.

- 3 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Zone change application from split zone Bus A/Res B to Res B for 9,000 SF located at 580 Meadow St. for the purpose of Boys & Girls Club (existing) eliminating a small portion of zoning overlapping and causing a split zone on the site. Applicant—Chicopee Boys & Girls Club, Jason Reed, 580 Meadow St., Chicopee, MA 01013.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the Zone Change approved. Councilor Balakier stated eliminating a split zone. Been kicking around, snafu in application. Had to reapply, has to go before planning, technical error. Rectified, paperwork is in order. Councilor Courchesne stated thank the Boys and Girls Club for their time and expense to help the city. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 4 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Special Permit application under Chapter 275-58 (c)(5) for the purpose of a property becoming a mixed property. The creation of one residential unit in a business building located at 386 Chicopee Street. Applicant—Dance Dynamics/Angela Klusmen, 386 Chicopee Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and postpone to the 1/31/24 Zoning Meeting in the City Council Chambers at 6:30. Councilor Balakier stated problem with the applicant. Trying to make sure everything is done properly. Taxes, water, personal property outstanding. Fire Department had design issues, codes up to snuff. Building and Engineering hand written plan, is it acceptable? Tried working with the applicant. Wasn't aware of some issues. Legally try to set a date and time for the postponement with the change of the council. Went back and forth to what we could do. If applicant does due diligence, defer legally to Attorney Corridan. Attorney Corridan stated legally can pass a motion to make the meeting January 31st. Councilor Balakier stated if we postpone to January 31st with the conditions as read. Councilor Labrie stated discussed the tax issue at least \$8,000 before the last bill. Trying to make as part of the sale, is this acceptable? Does not go through with the sale, doesn't buy this property, can we call the special permit back? Motion to postpone passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 5 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Zone Change application from Business A to IPUD II for 3.59 acres of property for the purpose of office space and utility located at 0 East Main Street. Parcel ID# 0133-00001 and 0133-00002. Applicant—KOI2KOI Associates, LLC, Christopher P. Lapinski, 9 Wellesley Circle, South Hadley, MA 01075.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the Zone Change approved. Councilor Balakier stated office space on East Main Street. Electrical, former Annie's property. New business to the city. Approval of Planning Board and Zoning Committee. Councilor Krampits stated in ward, campus type structure. No calls or emails against or in favor. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 6 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Zone Change application from Residence A to Residence C for 0.3501 acres/feet of property located at 15 Wawel Street for the purpose of infill housing. Applicant—JCD Realty, Inc. (c/o Jeffrey Daigle), 55 Fuller Road, Chicopee, MA 01020.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the Zone Change approved. Councilor Balakier stated infill housing. New housing developed on older lots. Area has vacant land/availability. Dire need for housing, in favor. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 7 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Zone Change application from Residence A & Business A to Residence C for 28,827 square feet of property for the purpose of 3 family and to create 2 legal conforming single family building lots. All lot numbers to convey are 80,81,82,83,84,85,86,87,88,89,90 located at 19 Beaumont Avenue. Applicant—David Labrie/DCL Cons., 187 Nelson Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the Zone Change approved. Councilor Balakier stated for two single conforming building lots. Severe housing shortage, clean up the zoning issue, in favor. Councilor Labrie stated David Labrie is the applicant, there is no relation. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 8 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Chapter 275-66 Burnett Road
275-66 add to B

In addition to the special permit submission requirements of Chicopee City Code §275-9, all special permit applications shall be accompanied by a traffic study of Transportation Impact Assessment or any

other such report whose official name may be changed by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

For referral to the Planning Board, Zoning Committee and Ordinance Committee.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and postponed to the call of the chair. Motion amended by Councilor Balakier to pass. Councilor Balakier stated discussion at meeting. Paperwork that was presented applicant was not present. The maker of the order is here this evening. Councilor Courchesne stated motion to pass, Planning Board declined to pass this because he wasn't present. Mincing words. To help planning eliminate just words, language is the intent of the law. Will be end all/be all for whichever words they use. Could be another name. Asked to be passed tonight, don't think it's controversial. Councilor Pniak-Costello asked what did the planning board do? Answer was they declined to hear it. Councilor Labrie stated Burnett Road? Because of Burnett Road different word. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 9 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Chapter 275-50 Signs

Delete 275-50 B (F)

F. Duration of placement. Temporary signs may be placed 60 days prior to an event or promotion and must be removed within seven days following an event or promotion.
For referral to the Planning Board, Zoning Committee, and Ordinance Committee.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and postponed to the call of the chair. Motion amended by Councilor Balakier to pass. Councilor Balakier stated only report to file was Planning Department. Councilor Courchesne stated reasoning for this law is unenforceable. Mass ACLU include Holyoke and Ludlow. Law violates federal law. In 2017 or 2019 need to get rid of it. Councilor Wagner stated pertaining to political lawn signs, limit time. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 10 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Chapter 275-51 Motor Vehicle Repair and Storage

Delete from Chapter 275-51 D the following language

"or inoperable or not currently registered or with a current state inspection sticker"

For referral to the Planning Board, Zoning Committee, and Ordinance Committee.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and postponed to the call of the chair. Councilor Balakier amended the motion to pass with revised language. Councilor Balakier stated in the meeting discussed the only report was unfavorable from planning. Councilor Courchesne stated backup is 275, 262-1 conflicting ordinances revised to 262-1, can have one unregistered. Make all one direction. Councilor Wagner stated hear Councilor Courchesne making references to background information, would be

beneficial to know. Wasn't aware of conflicting ordinances. Councilor Priak-Costello stated agree with Councilor Wagner, need more information. Councilor Courchesne stated one word. Zoning says one word, Ordinance says another. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

11-13 2024 Class 2 License renewals:

Interstate Towing, Inc.
Kin's Auto Sales
Penske Truck Leasing, Inc.

1660 Westover Road
1095 Chicopee Street
30 Fuller Road

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted with current restrictions. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

14-15 2024 Auto Repair License renewals:

Kin's Auto Repair, II
Tommcat Performance

1098 Chicopee Street
680 Prospect Street

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted with current restrictions. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Adjournment: --Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to adjourn at 8:22. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

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Keith W. Rattell, City Clerk

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Minutes from the City Council Special Meeting on Monday January 8, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the City Council Chambers are as follows:

Laflamme, Frank N.,	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Absent
Wagner, Timothy Joseph	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Absent
Arriaga, Abigail	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Absent
Goff, Susan M.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Shumsky, Samuel Robert	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Absent
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

--Meeting called to order by Councilor Laflamme, Clerk Rattell read the meeting purpose.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to reduce the members from 7 to 5 on the Finance, Zoning, and Resort Casino & Gaming Committees. Counselor Corridan stated some committees could equal a quorum. Has to be posted if it will be deliberated. Potential likelihood to post as a meeting. Reduce the numbers of people on the committees. Other component is to be careful about not participating if not a member. In order to avoid the number of violations of the open meeting law. Can always post as a council meeting if you believe there will be a quorum. Councilor Laflamme stated want to follow all the laws. Councilor Wagner stated self-explanatory. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated based on this you reduce from 7 to 5 to avoid a conflict of the open meeting law. No opinion expressed. Counselor Corridan stated participate as an audience member If you ask a question, you begin deliberation. Not participate at all if it's not a meeting you should not participate. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated can we get in writing what to do or not to do? Counselor Corridan stated being there can be a conflict too. Can't participate. Can't commit to writing how to not participate in a subcommittee. Councilor Wagner stated no one can address the subcommittee without being called on. Councilor Krampits stated can attend but don't speak. To avoid discussion, can sit and listen but don't verbalize. Post every subcommittee meeting as a council meeting? Discussion at another time. Councilor Laflamme stated more ideas will come along. Councilor Labrie asked if you post the meeting for the council do we have to convene? Answer is yes. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated this is a major change how we have been conducting ourselves, major change. Where do we go from here? Constituents at a meeting won't understand why we can't speak. Councilor Shumsky asked what's the difference between 6-1 show up to a meeting. Wouldn't it be easier to post as a council meeting? If we can't speak, how do we represent our constituents? Counselor Corridan stated protect the interest of the constituents just not at the subcommittee. Councilor Labrie stated zoning, if the ward councilor can share information before the meeting, can still convey before the meeting. Councilor Wagner stated are people aware it is unusual for a subcommittee to have 5 members. Should be small groups that get back to the full council. Let members get down to it. Chances are there are at-large

members on each subcommittee. Let the subcommittee do their job. Councilor Krampits stated contacting the chair of the subcommittee. Does that have to be stated? What was conveyed? Can that be done? Counselor Corridan stated you would be communicating the deliberation. Councilor Laflamme stated will redo the committee assignments by Wednesday. Motion to reduce the subcommittee numbers to 5 passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy, Zygarowski, Brooks, and Courchesne absent.

Adjournment:--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to adjourn at 6:57. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy, Zygarowski, Brooks, and Courchesne absent.

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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday January 16, 2024, at 7:15 pm in the Auditorium are as follows:

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CITY COUNCIL
CHICOPEE MA

Laflamme, Frank N., President	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Absent
Wagner, Timothy Joseph	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Absent
Arriaga, Abigail	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present via Zoom
Goff, Susan M.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Shumsky, Samuel Robert	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input—Lisa Bienvenue, 34 Everett Street, time and perspective there are some very important things on the agenda. Pay increases for the school department. Hope the council votes one of the most important, good use of city money. Heard heated/impassioned discussion about money for the golf course. Price of bread and milk go up exponentially, very impassioned about the people of this city, about educators and the condition of our streets. Can't apply without a plan. Almost missing the wave of money available. Really hope you are impassioned for the people of the city. Mary Beth Costello, 66 Voss Avenue, taxes were late in the fall. Any changes in the schedule for payment of taxes. The fall payment plan was late due to lack of staff. Next bill will be on time.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to return to the regular order of business following public input.
Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

Communications--none

- Minutes --Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to accept the minutes of the 1/2/24 Briefing, 1/2/24 Meeting, and 1/8/24 Special Meeting. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.
- MO-1 Mayor's appropriation of Fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$50,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Highway Special Account for Roads & Sidewalks from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.
- Motion made by Councilor Arriaga to receive and pass. Councilor Arriaga stated to repair sinkhole on Broadway from the September 11th storm. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.
- MO-2 Ordered that the City Council accept the Gap III Grant in the amount of One hundred eighty one thousand one hundred forty two and 00/100 dollars (\$181,142.00) from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Clean Energy Results Program to the City of Chicopee. Said grant will fund, in part, the water pollution control facility's pump replacement project and it is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and pass. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated grant to the DPW from the EPA. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

MO-3 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of One hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$100.00) from the Di Santi Law Offices to the Chicopee Fire Department. Said donation is in memory of George Tarnowski and it is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, pass and the donation accepted. Councilor Krampits stated on the behalf of George Tarnowski to the fire department. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

MO-4 Mayor's appropriation of Fifteen thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$15,000.00) to the following named account: Treasurer's Salary Account for Overtime from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive and pass. Councilor Wagner stated to cover overtime really important, hard to get good municipal financial people. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

MO-5 Mayor's appropriation of Six thousand six hundred fifty dollars and 00/100 dollars (\$6,650.00) to the following named account: Police Special Account for Purchase of Bullet Proof Vests from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Councilor Labrie stated apply for a grant to match the other half. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

MO-6 Ordered that the City Council accept the Home Depot Foundation Grant in the amount of Six thousand one hundred seventy five and 15/100 dollars (\$6,175.15) from the Chicopee Home Depot to the Chicopee Police Department. Said grant will be used to build care buckets for the homeless or in need that include coats, gloves, socks, handwarmers, and 2-piece balaclavas and it is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and pass. Councilor Balakier stated grant to the police department from Home Depot Foundation for the C-3 unit. Very good grant. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

MO-7 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of Nine thousand five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$9,500.00) from the New North Citizens Council Inc, to the Chicopee Police Department. Said donation will be used for C3 related purchases and it is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive, pass and the donation accepted. Councilor Shumsky stated will be used for the C-3 unit. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

MO-8 Mayor's appropriation of Four million four hundred fifty two thousand ninety and 00/100 dollars (\$4,452,090.00) to the attached named School Salary Accounts: (See attached breakdown transfer #1) from available funds in the Stabilization Fund for Educational Purposes.

STABILIZATION FUND FOR EDUCATION PURPOSES TRANSFER #1				
From:			To:	
Description	Account	Amount	Account	Amount
Stabilization Fund	86003108-599980	\$ 1,000,000.00	01123001-511400 TEACHERS	\$ 1,000,000.00
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Stabilization Fund	86003108-599980	\$ 1,226,045.00	01523001-511400 TEACHERS	\$ 1,226,045.00
		\$ 4,452,090.00		\$ 4,452,090.00

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and pass. Councilor Courchesne stated money from school stabilization fund. Councilor Wagner stated for the purpose of transparency, step-mother is a teacher. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

MO-9 Mayor's appropriation of Three million one hundred thirty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$3,130,000.00) to the attached named School Salary Accounts: (See attached breakdown transfer #2) from available funds in the Stabilization Fund for Educational Purposes.

STABILIZATION FUND FOR EDUCATION PURPOSES TRANSFER #2

From: To:

Description Account Amount Account Amount

Stabilization Fund 86003108-599980 \$ 15,000.00 00023001 511400 SALARIES TEACHERS (DISTRICT-WIDE) \$ 15,000.00
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--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and pass. Councilor Goff stated salary increases, well deserved salary increases. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated basically historic. School committee under the mayor, superintendent of schools and business manager trying to make salaries competitive. Increases are well deserved. Councilor Wagner stated thank the administrative team. Contract negotiations, took hours to get this negotiated. Thank Grace Schofield and Don Lamothe for all their work. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-10 Mayor's appropriation of Fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$50,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Sewer Collection Systems Expense Account for Repairs to Building from available funds in the D.P.W. Sewer Collection Systems Salary Account for Special MEO.

--Motion made by Councilor Arriaga to receive and pass. Councilor Arriaga stated repairs to buildings. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

MO-11 Mayor's appropriation of Two hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$200,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Water Bonds Account for James Street Water Mains from available funds in the following named D.P.W. Water Salary Accounts:

Superintendent	\$50,000.00
Senior Engineer	25,000.00
Inventory Coordinator	25,000.00
Water System Maint Man	75,000.00
Maintenance Craftsman	<u>25,000.00</u>
Total	\$200,000.00

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks stated out of existing line items, self-funding. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

MO-12 Ordered that the City Council accept the U.S. Federal Highway Administration FY23 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant in the amount of Three hundred twenty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$320,000.00). This grant will be used to provide a foundational framework to address the rising incidences of traffic-related fatalities, through the programmatic efficient planning and analysis involved in streetscape design. Through the development of an action plan, the city aims to use the resulting data as a lesson to further improve and support public safety and multi-modal travel throughout the city. Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and pass. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated grant framework rising amount of fatalities. Very appreciative of planning department to get this to make our streets safe. Very good initiative. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

- MO-13 Mayor's appropriation of Four hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$400,000.00) to the following named account: Planning Special Account for SS4A Action Plan from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass. Councilor Krampits stated the money accepted to be spent on the plan. City has to pay \$80,000. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.
- MO-14 Mayor's appropriation of Thirty seven thousand seven hundred eighty one and 26/100 dollars (\$37,781.26) to the following named account: Human Resources Special Account for Indemnifications of Police & Fire from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.
- Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive and pass. Councilor Wagner stated self-explanatory, line of work injuries. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.
- MO-15 Mayor's appropriation of Fourteen thousand five hundred eight nine and 75/100 dollars (\$14,589.75) to the following named account: Assessors Salary Account for Clerk from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.
- Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Councilor Labrie stated to fill a 4th position, responsible for excise taxes. Much needed. Councilor Krampits stated increase in leases, many more abatements. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.
- MO-16 Be it Ordained that Chapter 7 of the ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended by and in hereby further amended as follows:
- Management Information Systems – Chicopee T.V. (Group 3)
- Add:
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| Part Time Announcer | \$25.00 per hour |
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- Said Ordinance to be effective upon passage.
- Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Balakier stated request from the CIO for creation of position. Sports announcer. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.
- MO-17 To the City Council:
- You are hereby notified that I have this day re-appointed, Dennis Borkosky, 31 Daley Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Ambulance Commission to serve in such office for the term of 3 years expiring on the 1st of January, 2027. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.
- *Re-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive and refer to the Human Resources Committee. Motion amended by Councilor Shumsky to approve this evening. Councilor Courchesne stated for new members on the council. Councilor Labrie stated can't have councilors come to subcommittee that aren't on the subcommittee. Keep consistent. Councilor Wagner stated procedural appointment to suspend the rules can be made. Motion to approve passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

MO-18 To the City Council

You are hereby notified that I have this day re-appointed Timothy Reilly, 74 Bridge Street, Northampton, MA 01095 as Council Legal Counsel. Effective January 4, 2024.

*Re-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, pass and the appointment accepted this evening. Councilor Courchesne stated not an appointment to a committee. Councilor Labrie stated new members don't know him, they will soon. Councilor Balakier stated very helpful, knowledgeable and approachable. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated knowledgeable attorney, asset to the department. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie that Councilor Krampits be named acting president for numbers 19, 20, and 21. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 8 yes, 2 abstained, 1 out of chair. Councilors Laflamme and Krampits abstained. Councilor Shumsky out of chair. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

MO-19 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations in the amount of Thirteen thousand five hundred fifty seven and 00/100 dollars (\$13,557.00) to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said donations are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and pass with a 2nd by Councilor Krampits. Councilor Goff stated donation for programming. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 10 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

MO-20 Ordered that the City Council accept the Technology Program Grant in the amount of Six thousand five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$6,500.00) from the Chicopee Office of Community Development to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said Grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass with a 2nd by Councilor Krampits. Councilor Brooks stated will enhance technology at the senior center. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 10 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

MO-21 Ordered that the City Council accept the donations in the amount of Three thousand nine hundred seventy one and 30/100 dollars (\$3,971.30) to the Chicopee Council on Aging for senior meals for the month of December, 2023. Said donations are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Arriaga to receive and pass with a 2nd by Councilor Krampits. Councilor Arriaga stated for the senior meals for December. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 10 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

22 Be it Ordered that the following City Council meeting dates be changed:

- Tuesday, March 5, 2024 to Thursday, March 7, 2023 – Presidential Primary
- Tuesday, September 3, 2024 to Thursday, September 5, 2024 – State Primary
- Tuesday, November 5, 2024 to Thursday November 7, 2024 – Election Day

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and the dates changed and approved. Councilor Labrie stated so we don't have a meeting on election day. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

23 Be it Ordered that the Golf Course come before the Finance Committee to discuss the department's Expenses, Revenue and status of becoming self supporting.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and refer to the Finance Committee, Golf Pro, Golf Commission, and the Auditor.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to amend to read Golf Pro, Golf Commission, and Auditor. Motion to amend passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Goff stated had a meeting with auditing and got all the facts and figures. Income vs revenue, not reporting indirect costs. Lost 1.948 million from the signing of the last contract. When the golf course plans to be self-sufficient. Not an essential department. For a complete report of numbers. Indirect cost being added. Councilor Shumsky stated amend to have a view of the actual finances. Had a few discussions with Mike O'Neill and Sharyn Riley. Send reports from 2006-2023. Golf Course is not for profit, same as swimming pools. Operate to break even. No other department is to make money. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated reasonable request of the golf commission. Goal that was set was not achieved by 2024. Public hearing should be held. What were the revenues. Lot of departments are priorities. Teachers and school department were underpaid. Have corrected that tonight. Go to finance, have that meeting. Councilor Shumsky stated not opposed to sending to committee. The golf course hosts world wide junior golf tournament, economic impact. Councilor Courchesne stated invite Counselor Riley. States passed a law about municipal golf courses, shut-down. Comparison if we didn't have a company. Councilor Wagner stated would she be open to amend to sending to recreation instead of finance? Counselor Riley stated be specific of what you want. Motion to refer passed by a roll call vote of 10 yes, 1 no. Councilor Brooks voting no. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

24 Be it Ordered that the Law Dept., the Building Dept., and the Board of Health provide input to the Ordinance Committee to establish a new ordinance involving vehicle size on private property. Refer to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated some vehicles on private property create a noise problem. Residential homes. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

25 Be it Ordered that no doxing be referred to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated we've had a little bit of a conversation. Wants it to be discussed. Privacy violations. Councilor Wagner asked is this something the council has the authority to make laws on? Counselor Riley stated very general. Had to look it up. Should be more specific. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated not personnel of the city. When you sell your property. Public information, posted online. Should not be

publicized. Councilor Wagner stated as a cyber security major, familiar with this. May be detrimental to private life, posting online or to threaten. If you're selling a property, has to be public. Not in the councils jurisdiction. Should have consulted the law department prior to filing. Councilor Courchesne stated legal advice. Not illegal in the US. Doxing is not illegal in the US. We can't make a law. Councilor Krampits stated would be helpful if you spoke, got something in writing from a constituent. Very broad. Issue with being published. Something to present to the law department. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated don't want to belabor the point, was hoping to discuss in committee. General topic, sent to ordinance to discuss in ordinance committee. Best done through public hearing in committee. Motion to refer was defeated by a roll call vote of 2 yes, 9 no. Councilors Krampits and Pniak-Costello voting yes. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

- 26 Be it Ordered that the DPW install a no truck sign for Ludlow Road and be referred to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Motion amended by Councilor Pniak-Costello to withdraw. Clerk Rattell stated is in the wrong format. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated self-explanatory. Councilor Courchesne stated commercial exclusion is commercial plates. No trucks, need a traffic study. Engineering first, if it's put in the wrong spot is unenforceable. Process, been waiting for one for about 5 years. Motion to withdraw passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

- 27 Be it Ordered that an used needles disposal location be opened in Fairview. This request is to be sent to the Finance Committee for a public hearing. The Board of Health Director is to be invited.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and amend from Finance to Public Safety Committee. Motion to amend passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated request of a constituent. Two locations in the city. Needle disposal be expanded. Contacted the board of health director, there is one on Baskin Drive and one at the senior center. Can be very difficult to get to those locations. Needles going into the regular trash. Councilor Shumsky asked where would this location be? Pilot program? Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

- 28 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Carew Street, East (Odd) side-From East Main Street to a point 980 feet southerly thereof, No Parking, Stopping or Standing.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Krampits stated around the food bank area. Worked with engineering, for further discussion. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

- 29 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, East Main Street, Both Sides -- From Carew Street to the American Legion Memorial Bridge, No Parking, Stopping or Standing.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Krampits stated same issue. Motion to refer passed by a roll call vote of 10 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Labrie out of chair. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

- 30 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Carew Street, West (Even) side -- From East Main Street to a point 630 feet southerly thereof, No Truck Idling.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Krampits stated little different, didn't want no parking, give this a shot. Motion to refer passed by a roll call vote of 10 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Labrie out of chair. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

- 31 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Westover Road, Both sides – From westerly entrance of the Western Massachusetts Post 9-11 & Service Dog Memorial Park parking lot to a point 4,650 feet easterly thereof at the easterly end of Westover Road, Truck Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Arriaga to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Arriaga stated to make safer to get to the base. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

- 32 An application for a NEW Zone Change from Residential B to Business A for 51,835 square feet of property located at 22 Grove Avenue and 0 Grove Street, Chicopee, MA 01020. Parcel ID # 0125-00026 & 0125-00029 for the purpose of parking lot, new construction, restaurant, commercial kitchen, housing. Petitioner Name & Address: Ridvan Turan, 185 Grove Street, Chicopee, MA 01020.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning Committee and the Planning Board. Councilor Balakier stated will take up in committee. Councilor Shumsky stated owner of Falls Pizza, excited to see what he has to offer. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

- 33 An application for a NEW Special Permit under Section 275-50 (c) (2) (b), 50 (c) (2) (a) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of activating a digital sign. Waivers requested: relief of setback requirements from 25 feet to +/- 6.3 feet. Section 275-50 (c) (1). Location of Property: 191 Montcalm St. Map & Parcel ID: 0723-00001. Name of Applicant: Peter Milloy, 74 Pine Grove Drive, South Hadley, MA 01075.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning, Planning, Engineering, and Building Departments. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

- 34 An application for a NEW Special Permit under Section 275-9 (k) (3) & 275-58 (c)(4) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the Purpose of granting a liquor license transfer at the business know as TD's Sports Pub located at 699 Grattan Street, Chicopee, MA (a/k/a 697-699 Grattan Street, Chicopee, MA). Location of Property: 697 Grattan Street, Chicopee, MA 01020. Map & Parcel ID: 0392-00029. Name of Applicant: TDS Sports Bar LLC (Michael Murdock) 204 Denver Street, Springfield, MA 01109.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning, Planning, Building, and Health Departments. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

- 35 An application for a NEW Special Permit under Section 275-50 (c)(1) & 58 (e)(1) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of Golden Nozzle is requesting to alter and utilize two pre-existing non conforming signs to display its operation at its new Memorial Drive location. Golden Nozzle is leasing the site and these signs will always remain, Golden Nozzle is simply requesting to brand them with its logo for customers. These signs were most recently used to designate the Denny's location formerly on this site.

Waivers Requested: (1) Two ground signs instead of One that is allowed; (2) Both Signs Height Exceed the allowed – Sign A – from 30 ft to 55 ft. and Sign B – from 20 ft to 25 ft.; (3) Size of Sign A's Faces exceeds a total area of 80 sq ft; (4) Setback for Sign B would be from 25 ft to +/- 2.8 ft. Location of Property: 467 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA, Map & Parcel ID: 0341; 0003. Name of Applicant: Nouria Energy Retail, Inc. (Golden Nozzle), 326 Clark Street, Worcester, MA 01606.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning, Planning, Building, and Engineering Departments. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

36 A Renewal of a Taxi Drivers License: Applicant Zaheer A. Shaikh, 25 Lorraine Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and approved this evening. Councilor Brooks stated self-explanatory. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

37 2024 Class 2 License renewals:

A and M Auto Sales & Repair, LLC

451 Granby Road

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted with existing restrictions. Councilor Brooks stated unless there are issues. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

38 2024 Auto Repair License renewals:

A and M Auto Sales & Repair, LLC

451 Granby Road

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted with existing restrictions. Councilor Brooks stated unless there are issues. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

Adjournment:--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to adjourn at 8:43. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski absent.

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Minutes from the City Council Special Meeting on Tuesday January 30, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers are as follows:

Laflamme, Frank N., President	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Wagner, Timothy Joseph	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Arriaga, Abigail	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present
Goff, Susan M.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Shumsky, Samuel Robert	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Absent
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input: Karen Finn, Springfield Cultural Partnership, wanted to point out the benefits in Springfield of investing in the arts and spaces for the arts. One of hundreds of cities across America for the arts, in 2022 surveyed around 1000 participants. Non-profit cultural center. Benefited local restaurants and shops. Arts is unifying communities and affecting wellbeing. Strengthening community arts is improving academic achievement, attendance is on the rise with students involved with arts and or music. Discipline is decreasing. Improving health care. Artists can participate in prescriptive art care. Charles LaBoy, chair of the Cultural Council. Believe this will allow opportunities for arts to breathe into Chicopee. Invest in the city and invest in the Cultural Council. Mass Cultural Council offers support. Future grants can be awarded. Auditorium has been a great benefit. Lisa Bienvenue, 34 Everett Street, interested in special meeting to see what you will do with the old library. Center of the city used to walk down from sandy hill. Thrilled to hear cultural center will bring arts and life to downtown. Something for everyone in the city. Something for all young, old and everyone in between. Sue Nimchick, 362 James Street, score notebook, a month ago put forth a request for public input to be changed from 3 to 5 minutes. All roads lead to the council. You vote. Minutes are not always accurate. Valuable to have extra 2 minutes for someone to tell you about the sites and situations. Three minutes are also allowed at sub-committee meetings, if you miss huge segments where people come to give you their insights, grass roots level. Come to partake and give forth standards of excellence. Tillotson was an example of excellence.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to return to the regular order of business. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to allow the Mayor and Planning Director or his designee to do a presentation. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

--Mayor stated quite a journey to get where we are. Trying to find a creative way to reactivate the old library. Almost five years ago had a TDI fellow to try to redevelop the downtown. Lee Pouliot stated history of city effort on this project. Slow steps over the last 20 years. Grants at the state and federal

level. Lee gave a presentation: Built in 1913 is on the state register of historical buildings. Was vacated in 2004, looked at redevelopment, Community Development block grant helped separate the mechanical systems from city hall. There was a \$125,000 grant for property, do the minimal amount to be able to occupy the building. DA Sullivan was the low bidder. Schedule, time restrictions, ten-month construction project, late winter early spring of 2025. During that time will target any grants that become available. Need to stay in the ARPA schedules. Most appropriate way to use the ARPA funds. Keep the bond as low as possible in the taxpayer's best interest. Borrow the least amount of money we can. Councilor Wagner stated dealt with/was voting on historical grants while on the historical commission. Can we get grants? Lee stated Mass Historic Grants are smaller awards. Extreme preservation on the property is required. Cultural facilities fund may be a better way to go. Councilor Balakier stated toured the library, good perspective, served on the ARPA committee, very judicious with the funds think this is an excellent use of monies. Not burden the taxpayers. Mayor stated will be an elevator right outside city hall, use of the city hall parking lot. Councilor Shumsky stated toured also, first time ever in the building. Seeing the proposed use of space. Will we be able to host meetings in there? Lee stated community meetings, less formal in nature, informal settings, wi-fi will be in the building. Will become home of the center fresh farmers market. They have a struggle when weather dependent, will be more consistent and year-round. Councilor Shumsky stated Phase 2 of city hall, would we be able to relocate offices there? Lee stated if concurrent then no. Councilor Brooks stated big proponent of community based health center. Downtown issues are mirrored in another community. Peak interest as a non-profit. Money well spent. In his ward, biased, multi-use function. Address the issues plaguing downtown. Potential help to the community is priceless. Historical building becoming useful. Councilor Krampits stated hope for the best, if it doesn't become as successful as we wish could we house offices there? Lee stated yes, flexible meeting space. If a department needs space, can use the basement over there. Could lease a portion of the building. Could be a long-term lease of the whole building. This gets us up and running. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated remember that in January of 2013 there was a debate what the buildings future would be. Work was done to get rid of some of the poison in the building. City needs this, you are heading in the right direction here. Shot in the arm for downtown. Wholeheartedly support this. Councilor Roy stated 20 years ago approved \$750,000 for the roof. Lee stated no in 2019 were able to think about additional funds that would make the building more useful. Didn't take apart since we are having to put back together. Councilor Roy stated fake copper roof? Why can't we do a shingle roof? Lee stated historic building, has to look the same or similar. Now is more cost effective to replace as is. Councilor Labrie stated earmarks are a really good deal. Are you pretty certain that all the contaminants have been abated? Lee stated yes, managed the project. Vast majority has been removed. Councilor Roy stated the plan is to own the building and lease hopefully long term. What sort of liability is that as a landlord? Lee stated would have to draft a lease that protects the city. Councilor Wagner stated in February of 2023 the school committee wanted to purchase the MassMutual building on Memorial Drive. School department would have been acting as landlords for the conference areas. That was a problem. Now the building is off the tax rolls as it was purchased by a non-profit. In support but a lot of questions need to be asked. Councilor Zygarowski stated when the bids were sent out did the roof not being fixed add to the cost. Lee stated no. Councilor Zygarowski stated office space. Place will be beneficial to the city. Make a real nice space. Don't think the farmers market would be a good fit inside. City does not have a museum. Questions need to be asked. Councilor Shumsky asked any potential cost savings to doing the

library and Phase 2 at the same time. Lee state potentially, synergy, could reduce the cost by efficiency. Councilor Brooks stated respectfully disagree with both Councilors Wagner and Zygarowski. The MassMutual building was overpriced by 2.5 million dollars. The farmer's market does have a place, 40% are under the poverty limit. Many of these people live downtown. Farmers market accepts EBT, people with social issues. Viable option for the farmer's market. Bring in a valuable resource of nutrition. Presents many opportunities to downtrodden in need. Want to see the social aspects involved. Councilor Arriaga stated have been to the center fresh farmer's market. Great way for local businesses to get involved. Good information. Spot can grow community for good. Councilor Laflamme stated walked down to the center and the Rivoli as a kid. If this does move forward, what about parking? Lot is 95% full all the time. Lee stated do have more parking downtown. Market square, city hall, Springfield Street lot, also have an easement for 15 spots in the Munic Haus parking lot. Available on street parking. Do have enough parking. May not be able to park at the front door. Will provide maps that have parking lots. Get comfortable where the parking is. Get people walking downtown. On the commission Lee stated municipal project over 2 million in value. There is a 9 member body that will be assembled, approve bills for the contractor. Mayor gets 2 appointees, council gets 7. Need to have a building commission in place.

MO-1 Ordered that One million six hundred thousand dollars, (\$1,600,000.00) is appropriated in addition to the Seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, (\$750,000.00) previously appropriated by vote of the City Council on August 6, 2019, to pay costs of making roof and other structural repairs to the former public library building, including the payment of all other costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet the appropriation the Treasurer with approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 7(1) or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and that the Mayor is authorized to take other action necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this order.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks stated had a lengthy debate. Project merits the additional spending. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

MO-2 Mayor's appropriation of Two million one hundred three thousand fifty three and 00/100 dollars (\$2,103,053.00) to the following named account: Planning Special Account for Renovation of Former Library from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and pass. Councilor Goff stated to add to the funding. In complete agreement will help revitalize the downtown area. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

MO-3 Be it Ordered that the City Council recommend seven members to the Former Library Building Commission, who are members of the community with appropriate qualifications or experience to serve on a building commission. The recommendations should be in accordance with Chicopee Ordinances §16-43 and §16-44(A).

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive and pass. Councilor Shumsky stated for the library building commission. Councilor Laflamme stated 9 members will sit on the commission. Planning director has 6 members who would like to sit on the commission. Council needs the resume by February 15. The

first meeting in March will vote on the 7 members. Councilor Balakier stated would prefer individuals with construction particulars. Councilor Krampits asked don't we normally open nominations. Councilor Zygarowski stated all these people need to send resume again. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to adjourn at 8:15. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. W. Rattell", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Keith W. Rattell, City Clerk

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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday February 6, 2024, at 7:15 pm in the Auditorium are as follows:

Laflamme, Frank N., President	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Wagner, Timothy Joseph	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Arriaga, Abigail	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present via Zoom
Goff, Susan M.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Shumsky, Samuel Robert	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Absent
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input—Lisa Bienvenue, 34 Everett Street, came to the meeting last week about the old library. Actually glad to see that we are looking to do something with that building. One thing concerned about, office space/rental space. Hope the building is used for the city. Failure to launch. In 2015 had an open space study by UMASS. Revitalization of Memorial Drive study was done. Study of the pedestrians downtown was done. Crosswalk study done in 2018 before COVID. Things changed with COVID, nothing done. Excellent at getting funding, failure to launch. Important the pedestrian safety. Hope more attention gets paid to this. Julie L'Hereux, 58 Carew Street, agenda numbers 18 and 19 are important still having issues. Some improvement needed. Busses are at risk. Tractors piled up at the entrance to the food bank. Police need to keep monitoring. Al Kendall, 40 Meadow Street, chair of the Commission on Disability. Congratulations and best wishes to the new council. Worked with Councilor Tillotson was a great person and friend. On February 26th anticipating the first commission meeting. Celebration of history and congratulatory, celebration, diverse people. Thought of what we've been through in the last 16 years. Hope to be a benefit to the city. Would appreciate a secretary separate to the city. Also would appreciate people who have secretarial background to volunteer. Sue Nimchick, 362 James Street, been here before, who will be a champion councilor. Improving Chicopee, change name from public input to public insight. Unless you have something like that create an even playing field. Nothing is disregarded. Area pulses/be considered. Reconnect with the public, not discounting the public. Various departments or council don't always listen. Committee meetings the amount of time is necessary. What's recorded all the time. Not well designed landscape is not contiguous. Mary-Beth Costello, 66 Voss Avenue, speak as a citizen, what will be discussed about the time in public input. People spoke in favor.

Communications--none

Minutes --Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to accept the minutes of 1/16/24 Briefing, 1/16/24 Meeting, and the 1/30/24 Special Meeting. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

MO-1 Mayor's appropriation of Two million six hundred fifty thousand six hundred twenty five and 00/100 dollars (\$2,650,625.00) to the following named account: Planning Special Account for Rivermills Fill Program from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks stated for what is formerly known as the Baskin parcel and the Uniroyal parcel, approximately 240,000 tons. Could lead to tipping fees. Could eliminate a pump station. Baskin property hopes to break ground in the spring. Clean fill will

meet EPA standards. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- MO-2 Mayor's appropriation of Seventy three thousand three hundred ninety and 00/100 dollars (\$73,390.00) to the following named account: Police Special Account for Building Renovations from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and pass. Councilor Goff stated renovations for the police department that were not done in 2016, 5 rooms left.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to amend to refer to the Finance Committee. Councilor Wagner stated relatively small amount. Usually have detailed plans. Photos of police headquarters can't be out there. Motion to refer passed by a roll call vote of 7 yes 5 no. Councilors Roy, Zygarowski, Brooks, Balakier, and Labrie voting no. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- MO-3 Ordered that the City Council accept the Lead Service Line Planning Grant in the amount of Three hundred eleven thousand five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$311,500.00) from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust to the Chicopee Water Department. Said grant will be used for engineering services for the development of a lead service line (LSL) inventory and replacement plan and it is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive and pass. Councilor Shumsky stated grant from clean water trust to the water department. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated ensure the city will have clean water. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- MO-4 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of Fifty and 00/100 dollars (\$50.00) in memory of Martha Lynch from Anne & Peter Kluchnick to the Chicopee Public Library. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive, pass and the donation accepted. Councilor Balakier stated donation to the library. Great to get these donations in. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- MO-5 Mayor's appropriation of Twenty three thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$23,000.00) to the following named account: Golf Special Account for Purchase of Equipment from available funds in the Golf Revolving Account for Driving Range.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated need for a topdresser. We have an excellent golf course that pays for itself. Councilor Goff stated money taken in from the driving range. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Wagner abstained. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- MO-6 Mayor's appropriation of Thirty four thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$34,000.00) to the following named account: Golf Special Account for Purchase of Equipment from available funds in the Golf Revolving Account for Pro Shop Inventory.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Councilor Labrie stated also for equipment. Needs for sand traps, transfer. Councilor Goff stated money from the golf pro shop, paying for equipment. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Wagner abstained, Councilor Courchesne absent.

- MO-7 Ordered that the City Council accept the donations in the amount of Fifty and 00/100 dollars (\$50.00) in Memory of George Tarnowski from Christina Cronin (\$25.00) & Elizabeth Lenart (\$25.00) to the Chicopee Fire Department. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.
- Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive, pass and the donations accepted. Councilor Roy stated send letters of thanks. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.
- MO-8 To the City Council:
- You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Anna Maria Hamblin, 30 Harrison Ave., Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the License Commission to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of February, 2027. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.
- Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive, pass and approved this evening. Motion withdrawn. Motion made by Councilor Wagner to amend to refer to the Human Resource Committee. Councilor Wagner stated new appointment but former head of retirement. Will do a great job. Councilor Balakier stated with new appointments don't we have to refer. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.
- MO-9 Be it Ordered that the City Council recommend five members to The School Department Maintenance Warehouse Building Commission, who are members of the community with appropriate qualifications or experience to serve on a building commission. The recommendations should be in accordance with Chicopee Ordinances §16-112 through 118.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass. Councilor Krampits stated for the school department maintenance warehouse building commission. Councilor Laflamme will work with Dr. Ware to coordinate. In the meantime, reach out to any member of the Council to submit a name.
- Motion made by Councilor Labrie to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Courchesne absent. Councilor Laflamme stated qualifications are required. Need people who are qualified. Councilor Priak-Costello stated Mr. Chapdelaine is here, happy after all these years to be finally moving forward. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.
- MO-10 Ordered that the City Council accept the FY24 Earmark Grant in the amount of Twenty five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$25,000.00) from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.
- Motion made by Councilor Priak-Costello to receive and pass. Councilor Priak-Costello stated grant we received from Mass Department of Elder Affairs. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Courchesne absent.
- 11 A favorable Utilities Committee report: Petition from Eversource Gas of Massachusetts, hereby requests that it be granted a location and permission to install and maintain a telemetry cabinet, with associated control lines and electric conduits, at its Fairview Avenue @ Springfield Street station, which is located on Fairview Avenue, at the intersection of Gaylord Court, within the

existing fenced in pressure regulation station. The telemetry cabinet will enhance the functionality and operational safety of the existing pressure regulation station.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and approved. Councilor Goff stated telemetry cabinet, real time gas pressures. Councilor Balakier stated good explanation from Eversource. In the past, had some issues, happy to see this was minor. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 12 A favorable Utilities Committee report: Petition from Eversource Gas of Massachusetts that it be granted a location and permission to install and maintain 4,247' of 2" MP plastic gas main on Telegraph Avenue, Barbara Street, and Boulay Circle with such laterals and service connections as it may now or subsequently find necessary.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and approved. Councilor Goff stated to replace aging gas lines. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated in ward 9, Eversource did some work last year, diligent in replacing gas lines. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 13 A favorable Utilities Committee report: Eversource Gas of Massachusetts, hereby requests that it be granted a location and permission to install and maintain 177' of 2" MP plastic gas main on Asselin St from Pendleton Ave to 12 Asselin St with such laterals and service connections as it may now or subsequently find necessary.

Said installation will be installed in accordance with the plans enclosed.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and approved. Councilor Goff stated replacing aging gas lines. Councilor Arriaga stated said they will make sure residents are notified. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to take items number 18, 19, & 20 out of order. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 18 An Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Carew Street, East (odd) side -- From East Main Street to a point 980 feet southerly thereof, No Parking, Stopping or Standing.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated this and the next two are for parking issues with the food bank. Councilor Arriaga stated food bank was in favor. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 19 An Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Carew Street, West (Even) side -- From East Main Street to a point 630 feet southerly thereof, No Truck Idling.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated tractor trailer on the even side where the residents are. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 20 An Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, East Main Street, Both Sides – From Carew Street to the American Legion Memorial Bridge, No Parking, Stopping or Standing.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated both sides of East Main. Trucks parking there as well. Food bank was in favor. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 14 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Special Permit application under Chapter 275-59 (C) 6 for the purpose of obtaining a beer and wine license for Aesthetic Beauty Revolution located at 20 Center Street. Applicant: Roxanne Roman, 76 Elmwood Ave., Holyoke, MA 01040.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and postpone to the 2/28/24 Zoning Meeting at 6:30 in the Council Chambers. Councilor Balakier stated applicant had not paid for notification, couldn't hold meeting. Motion to postpone passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 15 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Special Permit application under Chapter 275-58 (C)(5) for the purpose of a property becoming a mixed property. The creation of one residential unit in a business building located at 386 Chicopee Street. Applicant: Dance Dynamics/Angela Klusmen, 386 Chicopee Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and postpone to the 2/28/24 Zoning Meeting at 6:30 in the Council Chambers. Councilor Balakier stated had several issues with the property. Taxes owed, been a problem trying to get this through. Motion to postpone passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 16 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Special Permit application under Chapter 275-58 (C)(5) for the purpose of one residential unit in a business building located at 277 Grattan Street. Applicant: Tan Tan & Associates, LLC, Zhi Tan, 39 Beauregard Terrace, Chicopee, MA 01020.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and approve the special permit. Councilor Balakier stated residential unit subject to fire and building codes/regulations. Will put it back on the tax rolls. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 17 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Special Permit application under Chapter 275-30B for the purpose of 15 temporary trailers or seabox container storage – October 1 through January 31 to assist with Walmart's needed extra storage for holiday merchandise. Waiver requested – duration of temporary trailers on site, where 14 days is permitted, and 120 days are requested. Located at 591 (545) Memorial Drive. Applicant: Walmart, Wendy Hubbard, 591 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA 01020.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and approve the special permit with conditions. Councilor Balakier stated for trailers starting in October of 2024 through January of 2025 with

conditions. Annually for seasonal storage. Councilor Pniak-Costello asked what the engineer said. Discussion, obstruction of designated spots. Councilor Balakier stated agreed to traffic designated site area. Want to make sure condition is being taken care of. Councilor Shumsky stated in ward 6, speed tables and signage. Big win for the area. Councilor Balakier stated designated site behind the building. Not a common area. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier that waiver #1 be approved. Councilor Balakier stated waiver for an extension of time. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 21 An Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Westover Road, Both sides – From westerly entrance of the Western Massachusetts Post 9-11 & Service Dog Memorial Park parking lot to a point 4,650 feet easterly thereof at the easterly end of Westover Road, Truck Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated both sides of Westover Road, truck issues. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Labrie out of chair. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 22 An Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordered that the Law Dept., the Building Dept., and Board of Health provide input to the Ordinance Committee to establish a new ordinance involving vehicle size on private property. Refer to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and postponed to the call of the chair. Councilor Krampits stated already some ordinances, building commissioner would like to see more done. An ordinance, parties get together and present to the committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated large vehicle on property. Vehicle running during the day. Building department and board of health possibly tweak the current ordinance. Motion to postpone passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 23 An Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Chapter 275-66 Burnett Road

275-66 add to B

In addition to the special permit submission requirements of Chicopee City Code §275-9, all special permit applications shall be accompanied by a traffic study or Transportation Impact Assessment or any other such report whose official name may be changed by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

For referral to the Planning Board, Zoning Committee and Ordinance Committee.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated got through planning and zoning. Verbiage for a traffic study.

Terminology, don't need to change the ordinance. Allows MASS DOT verbiage. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Zygarowski out of chair. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 24 An Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of
Chicopee for the year 1991, as amended be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Chapter 275-51 Motor Vehicle Repair and Storage

Delete from Chapter 275-51 D the following language

"or inoperable or not currently registered or with a current state inspection sticker"

For referral to the planning Board, Zoning Committee, and Ordinance Committee.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated to delete reference, changed in one area not both. Cleans up the ordinance. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 10 yes, 2 out of chair. Councilors Roy and Zygarowski out of chair. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 25 An Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of
Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Chapter 275-50 Signs

Delete 275-50 B (F)

F. Duration of placement. Temporary signs may be placed 60 days prior to an event or promotion and must be removed within seven days following an event or promotion.

For referral to the Planning Board, Zoning Committee, and Ordinance Committee.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated Counselor Riley should speak on this. Counselor Riley stated this is valid, you cannot restrict time periods. Supreme court decision. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Roy abstained. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 26 An Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained that Chapter 7 of the ordinances for the City of
Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Management Information Systems – Chicopee T.V. (Group 3)

Add:

Part Time Announcer	\$25.00 per hour
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Said ordinance to be effective upon passage.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated Vern said essentially position is for sports broadcasts. Person will do sports announcing. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

Be it Ordained that Chapter 16, Articles XI §43 and Article XXVI §113 and §114 of the Ordinances of the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out \$2,000,000 and inserting in place thereof, \$5,000,000 in Article XI § 43 and Article XXVI § 113, and amend Article XXVI §114 by adding or designee to lines (2), (3), (4), and (5); and further by striking line (7) and inserting in place thereof, (7) An Elected Official, Department Head, or administrative employee of the City of Chicopee with finance expertise; and adding line (11) Commissions formed under the Massachusetts School Building Authority, (MSBA), seeking reimbursement from the MSBA must comply with MSBA requirements.

The revised Chapter 16, Article XI §43 will read:

All municipal buildings constructed for use by the City of Chicopee or any of its departments or residents as well as renovations to existing city-owned buildings or municipal construction projects where the total contract price totals \$5,000,000 or more shall require the appointment of a Municipal Building Commission formed and empowered to act under the provisions of this article. Each such municipal project shall have a separate Municipal Building Commission.

The revised Chapter 16, Article XXVI §113 will read:

§16-113. Projects Requiring Commission.

All buildings constructed for the use by the City of Chicopee School Department or any of its departments and any renovations to existing school buildings where the total contract price totals \$5,000,000 or more. Each such project shall have a separate Building Commission.

The revised Chapter 16, Article XXVI §114 will read:

§16-114. Composition.

- A. Upon the solicitation of request for a proposal in connection with a bid for construction of any project requiring a Commission in accordance with Section 16-113, the Mayor shall appoint a total of 13 members, as follows:
 - (1) A member of the Chicopee School Committee,
 - (2) The Chicopee Superintendent of Schools or designee.
 - (3) The Inspector of Buildings or designee.
 - (4) Director of Maintenance for School Department or designee
 - (5) School principal of the subject school or designee
 - (6) A member who has knowledge of the educational mission and function of the facility to be built or renovated.
 - (7) An Elected Official, Department Head, or Administrative Employee of the City of Chicopee with financial expertise.
 - (8) Members of the community with architecture, engineering and/or construction experience to provide advice relative to the effect of the proposed project on the community and to examine building design and construction in terms of its constructability. [See 963 CMR 2.10(3)(b).]
 - (9) The City Council shall recommend five appointments to the Mayor from Subsection A(8).
 - (10) The Mayor shall appoint one member from Subsection A(8)
 - (11) Commissions formed under the Massachusetts School Building Authority, (MSBA), seeking reimbursement from the MSBA must comply with MSBA requirements.

- B. All appointments by the Mayor to the School Building Commission must be submitted to the City Council for confirmation by a majority vote of seven except for Subsection A(1) through A(7).

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Shumsky stated to help get up to date, for a building commission.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Courchesne absent. Councilor Laflamme stated thank Mike Pise and the Mayor, trying to get a commission together with qualified people is difficult. Support this tonight. Councilor Wagner stated just for reference last time was amended was over 20 years ago. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 28 Be it Ordered that the Engineering Department or an outside consultant study the possibility of a traffic light at the entrance to Bellamy School on Pendleton Avenue.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive and refer to the Engineering for a study. Councilor Wagner stated talked with Doug Ellis about this. Quite a few calls, felt it was necessary to file the order. Extensive 1000 plus page documents. Councilor Arriaga stated son goes to school there/growing concern, witnessed most of the incidents. Need to find a solution to keep the children safe. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 29 Be it Ordered that the City Council and City of Chicopee adopt Chapter 329 of the Acts of 1987, An Act Increasing Local Control Over the Annual School Budget.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive and refer to the committee of the whole. Councilor Wagner stated filed an order after taking a job with Greenfield schools, the Mayor cut the budget, crippled the school. City Council reinstated the budget. Extension of the city charter. Useful tool for proper funding of the schools. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 30 Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Chapter 201-1 Light Pollution

Due to the detriment to human health that light pollution poses, it is prohibited for a property owner to have exterior lighting that shines directly onto abutting property, public sidewalk, public street or towards the sky. Failure to comply shall result in non-criminal fine of \$25.00 enforced by the Health Department. Property owners seeking building permits shall not be issued a building permit until their exterior lighting comes into compliance with this ordinance.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated issue with several constituents that have an issue with this 24/7 in some cases. Councilor Krampits stated understand the purpose but it's kind of vague. Being abused. Understand but think/worry about unintended consequences, drastic change. Can see people complaining. Enforcement would be building. Would be overtime to enforce at night. Would apply mostly to residential. Commercial has things in place. Can be taken to extremes. Too broad to be put in committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated appreciate the concerns, is an issue,

light pollution does exist. Maybe improve it with building, board of health, law department. Not going to get upset if it doesn't go to committee. Up to you. Councilor Wagner stated in respect to what orders have been sent, vague, this is concrete language in here. Not a bad idea, language could use serious amending. Councilor Krampits stated willing to support going to committee. Motion to refer passed by a roll call vote of 10 yes, 2 no. Councilors Wagner and Brooks voting no. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 31 Be it Ordered that the Rules Committee consider reviewing the time allotted for public input. The current rule allows three minutes of public input. It has been brought to my attention that the three-minute limit rule is insufficient time to make their case/concerns heard. Although there is an opportunity for written testimony, our constituents are urging us to reconsider the allotted time. The suggested increase would allow constituents five minutes instead of the current three. Constituents who testify need sufficient time to speak.

--Motion made by Councilor Arriaga to receive and refer to the Rules Committee. Councilor Arriaga stated as stated not everybody can get their point across in 3 minutes. The point of public input is to give us time to speak to us. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated don't know if each should be specific. All meetings should be increased from 3-5 minutes. Counselor Riley stated not specific. Doesn't site the rule, discussion more than an actual change. Councilor Balakier stated do we have a consensus of adjacent cities and towns? Common practice? Arbitrary figure? Councilor Arriaga stated each city has a different rule. Councilor Wagner stated read the rules last week.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to amend to read Council rule 12D be amended to read 5 instead of 3 minutes. Motion to amend passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent. Councilor Krampits stated don't necessarily agree or disagree. When we don't have a lot of folks for public input it's not bad. When there is a meeting with 20 people could make the meetings much longer. Process point of view. Lot of public input could make meeting drag on. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated appreciate discussion. Brought by constituents have to have discussions. Feel this is a legitimate request to refer driven by constituents. Councilor Roy stated agree with the concept, lot of discussion. Was meant to send to rules, let's get it there. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 32 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Labelle Drive, Travelling south – at intersection of Burnett Road, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Shumsky stated stop sign would help. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 33 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, 260-49 Commercial Vehicles Excluded, Ludlow Road, Entire length, Commercial Vehicles Excluded.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to withdraw. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated city engineer Doug Ellis reviewed this, would not be eligible. Motion to withdraw passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 34 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 78 Muzzy Street, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee, Engineer, and Commission on Disability. Councilor Krampits stated constituent request. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 35 An application for a NEW Zone Change from Residential A to Residential B for +/- 13,620 acres/square feet of property located at 0 Montgomery Street, Chicopee, MA 01020. Parcel ID# 0230-00033 for the purpose of constructing a duplex. Petitioner Name & Address: Erik Govoni, 94 Montgomery Street, Chicopee, MA 01020.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning Committee and Planning Board. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 36 2024 Auto Body/Auto Repair License renewal:

Tony & Sons Auto Service & Sales, Leasing & Rental, Inc. 164-170 South Street

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted with current restrictions. Councilor Brooks stated we are 40 days out from 2023 and he is currently operating. Clerk Rattell stated the Building Inspector was sent notification. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 out of chair Councilor Pniak-Costello out of chair. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 37 2024 Auto Detail License renewal:

Tony & Sons Auto Service & Sales, Leasing & Rental, Inc. 164-170 South Street

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted with current restrictions. Councilor Brooks stated unless there are objections. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 out of chair Councilor Pniak-Costello out of chair. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 38 Election Call for the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and approve the election call for March 5, 2024. Councilor Labrie stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

Adjournment: --Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to adjourn at 9:02. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. J. [unclear]", written over a horizontal line.

Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday February 20, 2024, at 7:15 pm in the Auditorium are as follows:

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Laflamme, Frank N., President	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Absent
Wagner, Timothy Joseph	At-Large Councilor	Present via Zoom
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Arriaga, Abigail	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present via Zoom
Goff, Susan M.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Shumsky, Samuel Robert	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input—Lisa Bienvenue, 34 Everett Street, went to the Finance subcommittee meeting, thought it was good. Close to an hour of asking what the golf course revenues and expenditures were. Wish this kind of dialogue where we're looking at everything in the city. Thought it would have been a discussion for the full council. Budget hearings are eye opening. Mostly contracts, revenue can all be found online, where the revenue is coming in and going out. Tells where all of these are coming into focus on the right thing. Golf course claims to be the jewel of the city. Parks, sidewalks should all be the jewel of the city. Sue Nimchick, 362 James Street, score notebook, used to play athletics at Holyoke High. Love sports you know where the parameters are. Come for the love of the game. Keep showing up, public insight. Things you will not know otherwise. We are the champions, all roads lead here. Hard facts to be answered. Leadership, the voter, the taxpayer, the citizen. Count on Councilor Balakier to get answers. Councilor Labrie instrumental, aligned with the facts. Champion ward 1 Abigail for championing 5 minutes for public input. Three minute egg is done.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to close public input. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to return to the regular order of business. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

Communications--none

Minutes --Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to accept the minutes of the 2/6/24 Mayor's Briefing and the 2/6/24 Council Meeting. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-1 Mayor's appropriation of Seven thousand eight hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$7,800.00) to the following named account: Police Special Account for Bullet Proof Vests from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Arriaga to receive and pass. Councilor Arriaga stated six new recruits need bullet proof vests. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-2 Ordered that the City Council accept the Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Grant from the Executive Office of Technology Services & Security to the City of Chicopee. Said grant will provide valuable training to staff on the topic of cybersecurity awareness along with the experience of real-world phishing simulations. The grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A and 53A 1/2.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and pass. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated a grant that was initiated by Andrew Vernon of IT. Real world phishing stimulations. Councilor Arriaga stated been through this training, it is really good. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-3 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Stanley Walczak, 33 Lariviere Drive, Chicopee, MA 01013 to the Golf Commission to serve in such office expiring on the first of November 2028. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

*New Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to suspend Rule #38 and approve Mr. Walczak this evening. Motion to suspend rule #38 passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and granted this evening. Councilor Krampits stated former councilor. Chair of the Council on Aging. Councilor Pnaik-Costello stated comfortable appointing tonight. Worked hard on this, will be able to address questions people have. Enthusiastic group at the senior center. Councilor Labrie stated very well known. Volunteers many different ways. Like to see him on as soon as possible. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-4 Be it Ordained that the City Council amend §260-27 A, Parking for handicapped, to exempt City of Chicopee Council On Aging transit vehicles in the performance of an assigned route. The ordinance will read:

§260-27. Parking for handicapped.

- A. No person shall park a vehicle on any street or parts thereof, or in any municipal off-street parking area or parts thereof, as listed in §260-68 of this chapter, except those vehicles which bear the distinctive "HP" or "DV" number plates or plates with the international symbol for the handicapped, a paratransit vehicle for the handicapped and bearing the international symbol for the handicapped, or a Chicopee Council on Aging transit vehicle in the performance of an assigned route.
- B. Any person convicted of a violation of this section, except as may be otherwise provided, shall have his or her vehicle towed as well as a fine of \$100 for each offense.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Wagner stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to appoint Councilor Labrie president pro-tempore for item #5. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 9 yes, 3 abstained. Councilors Laflamme, Zygarowski and Labrie abstained. Councilor Roy absent.

- MO-5 Ordered that the City Council accept the donations in the amount of Five thousand six hundred eighty and 30/100 dollars (\$5,680.30) to the Chicopee Council on Aging for senior meals for the month of January, 2024. Said donations are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, pass and the donation accepted with a 2nd by Councilor Labrie. Councilor Krampits stated donation. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 10 yes, 2 abstained. Councilors Laflamme and Zygarowski abstained. Councilor Roy absent.
- 6 A License Committee report: 2024 Class III renewal application for Laflamme Trucks & Equipment Sales, Inc., located at 347 McKinstry Avenue. Applicant: Brian Laflamme, 438 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.
- Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and refer to the call of the chair. Councilor Brooks stated property owner is having issues with probate. Remind the building department he is operating without a license. Motion to postpone passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.
- 7 A Finance Committee report: Ordered that the sum of \$73,390.00 be and hereby is appropriated to the following named account: Police Special Account for Building Renovations said amount is to be taken from available funds in the Stabilization Fund for Capital Budgeting.
- Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and approved. Councilor Zygarowski stated walked through the building with Councilor Shumsky, for lights and ceilings. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated support this 100% toured the building with Councilor Arriaga, makes sense, has to take place. Renovations are needed. Would be great if we could get a new station, not happening soon. Councilor Shumsky stated toured, thank Capt. Cote. Councilor Wagner stated going to abstain, lost a fight with black ice, didn't make the tour. Thank the Chief and Councilor Laflamme. Don't know what voting on. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Wagner abstained. Councilor Roy absent.
- 8 A Finance Committee report: Be it Ordered that the Golf Pro, Golf Commission, and Auditor come before the Finance Committee to discuss the department's Expenses, Revenue and status of becoming self supporting.
- Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and placed on file. Councilor Goff stated like to thank the committee for holding this meeting. Given all the information did lose \$140,000 last year. Will never be self-sufficient. Councilor Shumsky stated was under the impression that councilors not on the committee could not attend. Read a statement. Wasn't established for a profit. Fees are paid to support the course. There is huge economic impact to our city with the AGGA each year. Both high school teams play there. Councilor Pniak-Costello thanked Councilor Goff for bringing the financial situation up. Jewel of the city, money counts. Glad the money issue was addressed. Many people did not know it was a municipal golf course. Public now knows it is a municipal golf course. In 2013 it's goal was to be self-supporting. From dialogue. Councilor Labrie stated very good meeting lot of facts and figures came out during the meeting. Lot of pods/splash pads, take Szot Park, jewel of the city. Doesn't bring in revenue. All brought up at the meeting. Councilor Wagner stated thank the Auditor, hard pressed to find a municipal golf course that makes money. Generate tax, operate at a loss. Enormous benefit to the city. Councilor Balakier stated one item, the irrigation system. Three years left to pay interest on a bond, principal payment. If the numbers come off in three years will really help bring the golf course very close to breaking even. The numbers will look much better. Councilor Shumsky stated highlight the 2022 figures.

Not as big of an expense as other departments. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Wagner abstained. Councilor Roy absent.

- 9 Be it Ordered that the Recreation Committee meet to obtain an update on Fairview Park.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Recreation Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated asking the council if they would agree to meet. Parks department has worked hard to update the park. Motion to refer passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 no. Councilor Wagner voting no. Councilor Roy absent.

- 10 Be it Ordered that the Public Works Committee hold a public hearing on reducing the speed limit to 25 MPH on New Ludlow Road, starting at the intersection of Memorial Drive and New Ludlow Road, traveling east to the South Hadley town line.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to refer to the Public Works Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated a request of several residents. Concerned about speed. Public hearing. Councilor Krampits stated can send to Public Works, would have to go to ordinance if passed. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

- 11 Be it Ordered that a traffic study be requested, from the intersection of Montcalm Street and Britton Street to the intersection of Britton Street and Memorial Drive. This traffic study to include the traffic patterns at the Fairview Veterans School. Refer the request to the City Engineer.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to withdraw. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated discussed with engineering, not necessary at this time. Motion to withdraw passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

- 12 Be it Ordered that the DPW Superintendent meet with the Public Works Committee to discuss the following:

- Update on Curve signs for Irene Street on the new speed limit sign poles
- Update on Speed signs as discussed for Chicopee Street
- Update on the cost for the bridge height early warning system
- Discuss painting the trestle in some form or putting up flashing lights on the height signs that lead up to the bridge on the Chicopee Street side to help the truck drivers pay more attention
- Discuss additional stop signs on Irene Street
- Add reflective strips on all speed limit signs
- Update on replacing the stop signs at Ingham and Irene with flashing stop signs

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and refer to the Public Works Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated all but the last have been requested multiple times. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

- 13 A proposed ordinance adding to: Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Kurtz Street, Travelling east – At the intersection of Old Field Road, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated for a stop sign on a curve, cutting into traffic. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

- 14 A proposed ordinance adding to: Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, St. Jacques Avenue, Traveling east at the intersection of College Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated stop sign issue. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

- 15 A proposed ordinance adding to: Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Guerin Street, Traveling east at the intersection of College Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated stop sign. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

- 16 A proposed ordinance adding to: Chapter 260, 260-49 Commercial Vehicle Excluded, Montcalm Street, Entire length, Commercial Vehicle Excluded.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated self-explanatory, request of constituent. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

- 17 A proposed ordinance adding to: Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Gladdu Avenue, Traveling South at the intersection of Britton Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated stop sign issue. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

- 18 A proposed ordinance adding to: Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Hudson Avenue, Travelling north at the intersection of Hudson Avenue and Britton Street.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated stop sign issue. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

- 19 A proposed ordinance adding to: Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Memorial Avenue, Travelling north at the intersection of Memorial Avenue and Britton Street, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated stop sign issue. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.
- 20 A proposed ordinance adding to: Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Ideal Avenue, Travelling north at the intersection of Britton Street and Ideal Avenue, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated stop sign issue. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.
- 21 2024 Class 2 License renewal:
- Wicked Cycles, Inc. 576 East Street
- Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted with current restrictions. Councilor Brooks stated unless anyone has concerns. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.
- 22 2024 Auto Repair License renewal:
- Wicked Cycles, Inc. 576 East Street
- Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted with current restrictions. Councilor Brooks stated unless anyone has concerns. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.
- 23 2024 Auto Body License renewal:
- Jaghory Auto Body 922 Front Street
- Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted with current restrictions. Councilor Brooks stated unless anyone has concerns. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.
- Adjournment:--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to adjourn at 8:07. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

ATTEST:



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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Thursday March 7, 2024, at 7:15 pm in the Auditorium are as follows:

Laflamme, Frank N., President	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Wagner, Timothy Joseph	At-Large Councilor	Present via Zoom
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Arriaga, Abigail	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present via Zoom
Goff, Susan M.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Shumsky, Samuel Robert	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present left at 8:19
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input—Lisa Bienvenue, 34 Everett Street, came tonight because wedged into the agenda sending the term for Mayor to the state. Feel like there is a lot of confusion. The things that came out of the charter committee. Moments to get this on the ballot. Would be able to follow what's being done, average citizen be able to follow. Not about whether two or four years should be there, just want clarity of what is happening. Only get clarity on issues that don't impact our day to day lives. What is happening on the streets to make the city better. Constitution says we the people, not we the elected officials. Norm Miller, 200 Lambert Terrace, talk about crossroads fiber. When it began it was advertised as installation being free. Walked the property with crossroads. Were told would be next installation as soon as James Street was done. Then told need to bear the entire cost of installation because it is private property. Walked the property, objected. No one else is being asked to pay for installation. Postcards from crossroads to sign up were sent to the association. Does not own property. Each person owns their condo. Why does everyone else in the city get it free. Would appreciate answers. Sue Nimchick, 362 James Street, scoring notebook. Been coming for the last 2-3 years. Watching and observing, all the roads in Chicopee lead here. Citizens and voters and taxpayers should be invited. Pulse to the city. Three minute eggs do not work. Encourage 5 minutes, not in a rush. Put people at ease so they show up and participate. You don't want to know what Sue knows? If I were mayor I would not want to disregard taxpayers, citizens, voters. They think you don't care, you don't call back. Want mayors accountable. Keep at 2 years.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to return to the regular order of business and close public input.
Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Communications--none

Minutes --Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to accept the minutes of the 2/20/24 Mayor's Briefing and 2/20/24 City Council Meeting. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-1 Ordered that the City Council accept the Municipal ADA Improvement Grant Award in the amount of Sixty six thousand nine hundred and ninety and 00/100 dollars (\$66,990.00). Said grant will be used for a new vertical lift that complies with ADA/MAAB requirements and will serve as a connector bridge between the main building and the annex. It is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Sec. 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks stated everyone is familiar with the lift system. Parts of the building are unavailable to people with disabilities, Mayor, Law and Clerks not accessible. Need for phase 2, need to be expended by June 30. Motion made by Councilor Labrie to refer

to the Finance Committee. Motion to refer passed by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 no. Councilor Brooks voting no.

MO-2 Ordered that the City Council accept the donations in the amount of Two hundred twenty five and 00/100 dollars (\$225.00) to the Chicopee Fire Department. Said donations are in memory of George Tarnowski and are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Sec. 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and pass. Councilor Goff stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-3 Be it Ordained that Chapter 7 of the ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by inserting the following:

Office of the City Council (Group 2)
c. Part-Time Clerk

\$18,258.24 (Grade 4 @ 19 hrs. per/week)

To be operative upon passage.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne that Rule #30 be suspended for passage this evening. Receive, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Courchesne stated best to get this going right now. Like switch board operators. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated agree something that is a part time position definitely needed. Good use of taxpayer money. Only two people in the office. Councilor Wagner stated in favor of this. Great way to get someone new, acquaint with local government. Need to have a breath of knowledge to get things done.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Laflamme stated thank the council as a whole. One hundred percent of everyone can see what the administrative assistants do there. Know how busy we are. Will be an added person. Have someone there for the residents, important part will be flex hours. Take some nights off. Cover meetings. Thank the Mayor for moving this forward. Agnes our administrative assistant worked hard on the job description. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-4 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Joseph F. Pasternak III, 200 Beauchamp Terrace, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Electric Light Commission to serve in such office for a term of 3 years expiring on the 1st of March, 2027. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*Re-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive and pass. Councilor Shumsky stated reappointment to the Electric Light Commission. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated thank Joe for continuing to serve. As a councilor when you call the Electric Light Department they respond. Councilor Krampits stated thank Joe for his service, been doing this for a long time, does a great job. Councilor Courchesne stated been at this for a long time.

-- Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to suspend Rule #38. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Motion to pass passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-5 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Celeste Donovan, 230 School Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Conservation Commission to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of March, 2027.

*Re-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to withdraw. Councilor Balakier stated leave to withdraw, Council doesn't have to vote on this one. Motion to withdraw passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-6 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Daniel T. Maciolek, 53 Hajec Circle, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Electric Light Commission to serve in such office for a term of 3 years expiring on the 1st of March, 2027. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*New-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to suspend Rule #38. Motion to suspend Rule #38 passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski stated worked for CEL for 32 years, retired in 2021. Motion to pass passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

7 A favorable Human Resources Committee report: Mayoral appointment of Anna Maria Hamblin, as a member of the License Commission to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of February, 2027.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, and the appointment approved this evening. Councilor Labrie stated resume was extraordinary, will be a great asset to the License Commission. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

8 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Special Permit application under Chapter 275-58 (c)(5) for the purpose of a property becoming a mixed property. The creation of one residential unit in a business building located at 386 Chicopee Street. Applicant: Dance Dynamics/Angela Klusmen, 386 Chicopee Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and postpone to the 3/27/24 Zoning Meeting in the Council Chambers at 6:30. Councilor Balakier read the committee report. Motion to postpone passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

9 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Special Permit application under Chapter 275-59 (C) 6 for the purpose of obtaining a beer and wine license for Aesthetic Beauty Revolution located at 20 Center Street. Applicant: Roxanne Roman, 76 Elmwood Avenue, Holyoke, MA 01040.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the Special Permit granted. Councilor Balakier stated for beer and wine license. Snafu, was on the agenda to run with the applicant. Councilor Pniak-Costello asked if there was any opposition. Councilor Balakier stated no opposition, just question about what type

of business they do. Motion to grant passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 10 yes, 3 no. Councilors Laflamme, Zygarowski, and Arriaga voting no.

- 10 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Special Permit application under Chapter 275-50 (c)(2)(b) and 275-50 (c)(2)(a) for the purpose of activating a digital sign located at 191 Montcalm St. Waiver requested-relief of setback requirements from 25 feet to +/-6.3 feet; section 275-50(c)(1). Applicant: Peter Milloy, 74 Pine Grove Dr., South Hadley, MA 01075.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive, and the Special Permit granted. Councilor Balakier stated application by Faith United Methodist Church, digital sign. Conditions from report read. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated permit runs with the applicant, any opposition? Councilor Balakier stated no opposition, sign has been running, bringing into compliance. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Labrie out of chair.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to approve the waiver. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Labrie out of chair.

- 11 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Zone Change application from Garden Industrial Planned Unit Development (IPUD), Type II to Residential A for 43.83 of property located at 0 Carew Street; 0 Robbins Road; 0 Robbins Road; and 0 Robbins Road (Parcel IDs 0109-00001, 0110-00037, 0111-00008, 0111-00004, & 0111-00003 for the purpose of creating one contiguous zoning district by extending the existing Residential A zoning district to the entity of the (5) above-referenced parcels to allow for the future construction of a residential development. Applicant: Westmass Area Development Corporation, c/o Mr. Jeffrey Daley, One Monarch Place, Suite 1350, Springfield, MA 01144.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and accept the leave to withdraw. Councilor Balakier stated the applicant requested a leave to withdraw, can submit in the future. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 12 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Special Permit application under Chapter 275-9 (K) (3) and 275-58 (C)(4) for the purpose of granting a liquor license transfer at the business known as TD's Sports Pub located at 699 Grattan Street (a/k/a 697-699 Grattan Street) located at 697 Grattan Street. Applicant: TDS Sports Bar, LLC (Michael Murdock), 204 Denver Street, Springfield, MA 01109.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the Special Permit granted. Councilor Balakier stated Special Permit to transfer the liquor license. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Labrie abstained.

- 13 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Special Permit application under Chapter 275-50(c)(1) & 58 (E)(1) for the purpose of Golden Nozzle is requesting to alter and utilize two pre-existing non-conforming signs to display its operation at its new Memorial Drive location. Golden Nozzle is leasing the site and these signs will always remain, Golden Nozzle is simply requesting to brand them with its logo for customers. These signs were most recently used to designate the Denny's location formerly at this site located at 467 Memorial Drive. Waivers requested (1) two ground signs instead of one that is allowed (2) both signs height exceed the allowed-Sign A- from 30 ft to 55 ft. and Sign B- from 20 ft to 25 ft (3) size of sign A's faces exceeds a total area of 80 sq. ft. (4) setback for Sign B would be from 25 ft to +/- 2.8 ft. Applicant: Nouria Energy Retail, Inc., (Golden Nozzle), Richard Smith, 326 Clark Street, Worcester, MA 01606.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the Special Permit granted. Councilor Balakier stated for Golden Nozzle new car wash. Using pre-existing signs. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to approve waiver #1. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to approve waiver #2. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to approve waiver #3. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to approve waiver #4. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

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Be it Ordered that a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the term of Mayor in the City of Chicopee to be filed in the General Court with an attested copy of this order, be and hereby is, approved under Clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2 of the amendments to the constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, so that the attached legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. At the next annual municipal election in the City of Chicopee, and at such election in every fourth year thereafter, the mayor shall be elected by the qualified voters of the City voting in their respective precincts. The mayor shall be elected by ballot and shall hold office for four years from the first Monday in January following the election at which they were elected, and until a successor is elected and qualified.

Section 2. Chapter 144 of the acts of 1917 is hereby repealed.

Section 3. So much of the charter of said City and the amendments thereto as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the qualified voters of the City of Chicopee, present and voting therein at the state election in the current year.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Councilor Labrie stated self-explanatory, to get it on the regular ballot. Would be binding. Councilor Brooks stated concur with Councilor Labrie, had a non-binding question now put for the people to vote. Will submit the voters will. Councilor Wagner stated in favor of putting this on the ballot. About a year to put it on the ballot. Want a recall petition in place along with the recommendation. Charter commission had recommendations, agree with principal. Will vote no unless a recall petition. Councilor Courchesne stated also have concerns without a recall provision. One that was proposed was too strict. Make sure it happens before the next election. Can put nervousness aside. Councilor Brooks stated recall provision, didn't have the benefit to be on the board when president. Asked for a recall provision. Narrow in scope. Arrest is not enough, will work with Councilor Courchesne for something more appealing. Highly offensive social media posts. Elected officials have to be acting as elected officials. Would have been a councilor recalled. Councilor Krampits stated agree with the recall part of the Charter Commission, review all the suggestions they have. Support this moving forward tonight. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated husband was on the commission, what about the other recommendations? Have they been discussed? Should respect suggestions and recommendations by the commission. Councilor Wagner stated had the benefit of serving for a while. Skeptical we will be

able to get something hammered out. Took a long time, takes time and dedication, want to get it right the first time. Don't want to put the cart before the horse. Charter commission was plagued with absenteeism, had issues. Think will take several years to iron this out. Councilor Arriaga stated on the fence, hopes the provision will be put through, be transparent with the voters. Lot of questions, missed opportunity. Councilor Shumsky stated how fast would it take to enact a simple recall petition. Councilor Courchesne stated think sometimes need to have a looming deadline/sense of urgency. Only thing that will make this happen.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Laflamme stated the Charter Committee, received phone calls regarding the recall petition. Atty Corridan and Riley met to figure out how to move forward on this. Will come out of Rules shortly. Recall is in Rules, couple others are important too. Will be setting up a Rules meeting shortly. Should have this all said and done by next municipal election. Vote was 60% for. Atty. Riley stated special act of the legislature. Order filed by Mayor or Council has to be sent to the State Representative to file in house, house counsel has no revisions it can go to the voters for approval. If in house has changes it would have to come back. Voter approval is the last step. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 2 no. Councilors Wagner and Arriaga voting no.

- 15 Be it Ordered that the following nominations for the Former Library Building Commission be submitted to the Mayor: Michael E. Lempart, William Boone, Joshua Tyler Clark, Linda Menard-Mruk, Maureen M. Cayer.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and approved this evening motion made by Councilor Courchesne and to close nominations. Councilor Labrie stated have resumes. Recommend to approve tonight. Asked if there was any nominations on the floor? Any nominations on Zoom? There were none. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 16 Be it Ordered that a meeting of the whole be held to invite InstaTrac to present their MuniTrac product to the Council.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and refer to the Communications Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated forgot everyone can't come, provides digitized minutes, will get them posted on the website. Order was for fighting for what is on minutes, will make process better for staff. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Labrie absent.

- 17 Be it Ordered that the Recreation Department and Golf Course meet with the Recreation Committee to present their plan for 2024.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and refer to the Recreation Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated annual updates. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Labrie absent.

- 18 Be it Ordered that the Building Department and Health Department meet with the Public Works Subcommittee to discuss Councilor concerns for problem properties in their respective wards.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and refer to the Public Works Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated problem properties committee stopped about 4 years ago. List of problem properties for at least 8 years. Issues at hand. Shame we don't meet anymore. Probably be long, maybe send to Building before the meeting. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated problem properties are a problem for many

of us. Shortage of help. Have to start thinking how we are going to address this. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Labrie absent.

- 19 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Cinnamon Drive, Travelling west-At the intersection of Basil Road, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Shumsky stated had huge concerns with constituents, two school bus stops. Would be a good place for a stop sign. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Labrie absent.

- 20 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Broad Street, Traveling west-At the intersection of Broad and Montcalm Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Labrie absent.

- 21 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Hansen Street, Traveling east-At the corner of Hansen Street and Montcalm Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated same course. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Labrie absent.

- 22 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Wiley Ave, Traveling east-At the intersection of Wiley Ave and Montcalm Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated same situation. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Labrie absent.

- 23 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Langevin Street, South, Traveling east-At the intersection of Langevin Street and Montcalm Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated same course. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Labrie absent.

- 24 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Langevin Street North, Traveling east-At the intersection of Langevin Street and Montcalm Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated same course. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Labrie absent.

- 25 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, America Street, Traveling east-At the intersection of Chicopee Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated for safety, side streets enter onto a main street. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Labrie absent.

- 26 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Granville Avenue, Traveling east-At the intersection of Chicopee Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated same situation. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Labrie absent.

- 27 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 50 Peloquin Drive, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee, Engineer, and Commission on Disability. Councilor Goff stated add a handicap sign, not enough for the amount of handicap people. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Labrie absent.

- 28 Application for a NEW Special Permit under Section 275-58 C(4) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of restaurant with full service liquor license. Location of Property: 1329 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA 01020. Map & Parcel ID: 0611-0001C. Applicant: Zengxin Ouyang, 131 Viscount Rd., Longmeadow, MA 01106.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive, refer to the Zoning, Planning, Building, and Health Departments. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Labrie absent.

- 29 A petition from Eversource: Eversource Gas of Massachusetts, hereby requests that it be granted a location and permission to install and maintain 2,010' of 2" and 4" PHMP gas main on the McArthur Terrace property with such laterals and service connections as it may now or subsequently find necessary.

Said gas main will be installed in accordance with the plans enclosed.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and refer to the Utilities Committee. Councilor Goff stated replace gas main pipes. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Labrie absent.

Adjournment:--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to adjourn at 8:40. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Labrie absent.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith W. Rattell", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Public Input—Stephanie Shaw, Director of Veterans Services, update about department. Appreciate the opportunity to continue to do work, now have a full time deputy assistant. Fully staffed since January 8th. Learning curve, veteran tax work off to 15 people, maintain and caring for monuments, purple heart trail. Purple heart city. Ability to design trail, partners with veteran owned businesses with the Chamber of Commerce. Extend an invitation to Vietnam Veterans Day Remembrance on March 27th at the Senior Center. All are invited to attend. Post 911 Dog Park is not done yet. Hoping to officially open in the spring. Not open facility yet. Lisa Bienvenue, 34 Everett Street, Thank Councilors Wagner and Arriaga for vote not to push forward the term for mayor. Appreciate the courage, putting the cart before the horse. Will the recall petition be done on time? What the big rush was to get this on the ballot, not sure how you expected voters to understand. Non binding vote. Gave time to push through state legislature. Vote for November to get a binding vote. Had to be here from the beginning to understand the need for the recall provision. Thank Councilors Wagner and Arriaga for the courage and fortitude for standing for the voters. Lorraine Baron, Cyman Drive, large beautiful shade trees, could be shaded when you walk outside. The South Hadley town reminder posting that trees are to be removed. Meeting with residents to question why/when the trees would be removed. Don't want to wake up again to see another sugar maple removed. No notice. Was a city tree on city property, preserve a big shade tree. What a hot summer. Prune just what you have to prune. Left the stump been there for four years. In 2019 the tree was never replaced. Speak up for the trees.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to close public input. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to return to the regular order of business. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

Communications—none

Minutes --Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to accept the minutes of the March 7, 2024 Mayors Briefing and March 7, 2024 City Council Meeting. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- MO-1 Mayor's appropriation of Three million and 00/100 dollars (\$3,000,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Highway Special Account for City Wide Ward Program from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.
- Motion made by Councilor Arriaga to receive and pass. Councilor Arriaga stated to resurface the list of roads attached to the order. From spring to fall, well needed. Councilor Balakier stated three are in his ward. Very heavily traveled, looking forward to this. Councilor Pniak-Costello state tremendous construction project for the city. Johnson and Griffith are essential. Service the industrial base for Westover. Thank the Mayor and DPW Superintendent for enhancing the business community. Councilor Labrie stated money is reimbursable by MASSDOT. Councilor Shumsky stated appreciation for repaving Johnson and Griffith. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated Ludlow and New Ludlow. New Ludlow project is very needed. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.
- MO-2 Mayor's appropriation of Thirty eight thousand nine hundred forty and 00/100 dollars (\$38,940.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Highway Special Account for Purchase of a Snowplow from available funds in the D.P.W. Highway Salary Account for Highway Maintenance Man.
- Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and pass. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated new equipment for DPW snowplow. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.
- MO-3 Mayor's appropriation of Twenty five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$25,000.00) to the following named account: CSO Expense Account for Repairs to Building from available funds in the Wastewater Special Account for Memorial Drive Sewer Extension.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass. Councilor Krampits stated will fund chlorine pump regulator. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.
- MO-4 Mayor's appropriation of Twenty five thousand six hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$25,600.00) to the following named account: Police Expense Account for Education Training from available funds in the Police Salary Account for Incentive.
- Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive and pass. Councilor Wagner stated expense to help recruits through the academy. Will be about 10 short of a full complement. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.
- MO-5 Mayor's appropriation of Twenty thousand three hundred thirty six and 42/100 dollars (\$20,336.42) to the following named account: Police Special Account for Purchase of Cruisers from available funds in the Police Reserve for Motor Vehicle Damages.
- Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Councilor Roy stated transfer to replace vehicle that was totaled, insurance payment. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.
- MO-6 Mayor's appropriation of Fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$50,000.00) to the following named account: Law Expense Account for Special Services from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Councilor Labrie stated Law Department requested special services, expert witnesses, low balance in account. Items coming up. Will get them to July 1st. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

MO-7 Mayor's appropriation of Fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$50,000.00) to the following named account: Treasurer's Expense Account for Special Services from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated few months ago there was a significant turnover. Recommend we approve the funds. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

MO-8 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of One thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$1,000.00) from Christina Loy to the Chicopee Public Library in memory of Lorraine Kotelnicki. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive, pass and the donation accepted. Councilor Balakier stated donation from Christina Loy, very generous. Letter of thanks should be sent for the donation. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

MO-9 Ordered that the City Council accept the Building Equity Based Summers Stipend in the amount of Five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$500.00) from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Chicopee Public Library. Said stipend will be used for summer reading incentives and it is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive and pass. Councilor Shumsky stated donation for summer reading. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

MO-10 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Lee Pouliot, 48 Jefferson Street, Holyoke, MA 01040 as Director of Planning and Development, to serve in such office for the term of 3 years beginning on March 17, 2024. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

*Re-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and pass. Councilor Goff stated extend Lee's contract for three more years, lucky to have him. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

MO-11 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Stephanie Shaw, 579 Fuller Street, Ludlow, Massachusetts 01056 to serve as the Director of Veterans' Services until the first of March 2025. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

*Re-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks stated reappointment of the Veteran's agent. She's done a wonderful job. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

MO-12 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Cynthia Labrie, 187 Nelson Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Planning Board to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of March, 2028. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

*Re-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Arriaga to receive and withdraw. Councilor Arriaga stated the Mayor asked that we make a motion to withdraw. Councilor Wagner stated mistake on the part of the Mayors staff. Councilor Labrie stated no relation. Motion to withdraw passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

MO-13 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Michael Sarnelli, 12 Dalton Avenue, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Planning Board to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of April, 2029. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

*Re-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and pass. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated reappointment to the Planning Board for a five year term. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

MO-14 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Eric Oulette, 84 Fedak Drive, Chicopee, Massachusetts, as a member of the Planning Board to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of April, 2029. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

*Re-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, pass and the reappointment approved. Councilor Krampits stated Eric has served successfully. Reappoint for another five years. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

MO-15 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Brian Hickey, 121 Donlyn Drive, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Housing Authority to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of March 2029. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

*Re-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive and pass. Councilor Wagner stated reappointment to committee. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- MO-16 Ordered that the City Council accept the donations in the amount of Five thousand four hundred seventy five and 00/100 dollars (\$5,475.00) to the Chicopee Council on Aging for senior meals for the month of February, 2024. Said donations are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass with a 2nd by Councilor Zygarowski. Councilor Roy stated Council on Aging for meals for the month of February. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 17 A Finance Committee report: Ordered that the City Council accept the Municipal ADA Improvement Grant Award in the amount of Sixty six thousand nine hundred and ninety and 00/100 dollars (\$66,990.00). Said grant will be used for a new vertical lift that complies with ADA/MAAB requirements and will serve as a connector bridge between the main building and the annex. It is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated meeting last week, will help replace chair lift from the annex to the main building. Need to pass tonight. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated order could be in front of us tonight, ADA Grant. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 18 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Duffy Street, Traveling north at the intersection of New Ludlow Road and Duffy Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Ordinance Committee for a 1st reading. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated stop sign. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 19 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Beaudry Avenue, Traveling west at the intersection of Beaudry Avenue and Montcalm Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Ordinance Committee for a 1st reading. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated another stop sign. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 20 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Loretta Street, Traveling south at the intersection of Loretta Street and New Ludlow Road, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Ordinance Committee for a 1st reading. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated stop sign. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 21 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Old Lyman Road, Both Sides – From Britton Street for a distance of 270 feet southerly thereof, Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Ordinance Committee for a 1st reading. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated thank the Police Chief for notifying about this request. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 22 Be it Ordered that the Public Works Committee hold a public hearing for an update on the DPW special account for roads and sidewalks and safety improvements.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Public Works Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 23 An application for a NEW Zone Change from Business A & Residential A to Residential B with Mill Conversion and Commercial Center Overlay for the entirety of acres/square feet of property located at 0 Chicopee Street & 445 Chicopee Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts 01020. Parcel ID# 0442-00091 & 0442-00090 for the purpose of creating one contiguous zoning district by extending the Residential B zoning district to the entirety of both parcels and adding the Mill Conversion and Commercial Center Overlay for the purpose of a proposed residential development. Please refer to the associated Statement of Purpose and Impact for greater detail. Petitioner Name & Address: Chicopee Property Management, LLC c/o Ms. Risa Teall, 112 East Street, Granby, Massachusetts 01033.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Planning, Zoning, & Mill Conversion Overlay District. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 24 Application for a NEW Special Permit under Section 275-30(B) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of installing one 20'x10' conex storage box and moving the existing one 20'x10' conex for more storage at the public safety complex. Location of Property: 110 Church Street. Map & Parcel ID: 0147-00008. Applicant: David Rice, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning, Planning, Building and Engineer. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 25 2024 Auto Repair License renewal:

Atlantic Coast Enterprises d/b/a Jiffy Lube #119 2017 Memorial Drive

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted with existing restrictions. Councilor Brooks stated unless concerns. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

Adjournment:--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to adjourn at 8:00. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

ATTEST:



Keith W. Rattell, City Clerk

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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday April 2, 2024, at 7:15 pm in the Auditorium are as follows:

Laflamme, Frank N., President	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Wagner, Timothy Joseph	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Arriaga, Abigail	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present via Zoom
Goff, Susan M.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Shumsky, Samuel Robert	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present via Zoom
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input—Lorraine Baran, Cyman Drive, Szot Park, since the last council meeting several more trees were cut down by the DPW, 100-250 years old. White spruce trees were cut down. Only 1 of the 13 trees looked bad enough for removal. Chicopee center post office had trees removed. Seems to be another example of clear cutting. Ash tree is becoming an endangered species. If a tree is healthy, there is no reason to remove it. Big trees are being replaced by smaller ornamental trees. Lisa Bienvenue, 34 Everett Street, thank the lady for talking about trees, looked like the apocalypse. Can see fresh cuts and sawdust. Have to take care of flora and fauna. Almost looks like a blight where you're trying to revitalize. Thrilled to hear about jet ski's coming on. Exciting we are planning for rescues ahead of time. Wish we thought as much about the safety of pedestrians. Statistics were some of the worst in the state. Think about streets all of the time. Put some thought into what affects our daily lives. Tom Irwin, 54 Central Ave., Dalton, MA speak about the paint stewardship in front of congress. Similar to City of Chicopee tipping fees. Need for paint stewardship. Need to be hauled out of state and there is a tremendous cost. Cost to consumer is less. Most Chicopee residents would likely support this bill. Model for other items, larger items. Resolutions are critical, pass a supportive resolution. Sue Nimchick, 362 James Street, all roads lead to the council. Know facts to ensure higher standards of impact. Resident taxpayer is insightful. Departments do not return calls, 24/7 council and public is vital. Missing on funding/not getting funding. Second by second ticking off as we speak at the council meetings. Two minutes for lifelong resident who speaks. Don Hackett, 33 Slate Road, about a year ago had a representative from Walmart. Nothing has happened. Bags are in the trees. At what point will Walmart be fined or held accountable? They should be treated like everyone else. They refuse. Called corporate, called the store. Called five times in the last six weeks. They refused to talk to the Health Department. Very frustrating at what point are they going to be held accountable?

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to return to the regular order of business. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to close public input. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Communications--none

Minutes --Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to accept the minutes of the 3/19/24 Mayor's Briefing meeting and the 3/19/24 City Council meeting minutes. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-1 Mayor's appropriation of Six thousand six hundred thirty one and 61/100 dollars (\$6,631.61) to the following named account: City Council Salary Account for Part Time Clerk from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.
- Motion made by Councilor Arriaga to receive and pass. Councilor Arriaga stated hiring part time for the City Council, will help with night time hours. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- MO-2 Mayor's appropriation of Thirty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$30,000.00) to the following named account: Fire Special Account for Purchase of Equipment from available funds in the Fire Salary Account for Firefighter 2nd Year..
- Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and pass. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated to replace a lift, accommodate the lift to raise ambulances. Will make more productive. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- MO-3 Ordered that the City Council accept the Bullet Proof Vest Grant reimbursement in the amount of Six thousand eight hundred seventy five and 00/100 dollars (\$6,875.00) from the Office of Grants and Research (OGR) Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Bullet Proof Vest Reimbursement Program to the Chicopee Police Department. Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass. Councilor Krampits stated to accept reimbursement for the bullet proof vests. The federal pays for half, state pays for half. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- MO-4 Mayor's appropriation of Eight thousand five hundred forty two and 25/100 dollars (\$8,542.25) to the following named account: Police Special Account for Purchase of Cruisers from available funds in the Police Reserve for Motor Vehicle Damages.
- Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive and pass. Councilor Wagner stated expense to replace cruiser, need to purchase a new one after an accident. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- MO-5 Mayor's appropriation of Forty five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$45,000.00) to the following named Maintenance Expense accounts:

Special Services	\$ 30,000.00
Light & Power	10,000.00
Water	<u>5,000.00</u>
	\$ 45,000.00

from available funds in the City Hall Maintenance Salary Account for Facilities Technician.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Councilor Roy stated transfer to cover for the remainder of 2024. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-6 Mayor's appropriation of Eighteen thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$18,000.00) to the following named account: City Hall Maintenance Special Account for Building Improvements from available funds in City Hall Maintenance Salary Account for Facilities Custodian.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Councilor Labrie stated for new chairs at the senior center. New floor is being installed, need new chairs. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-7 Mayor's appropriation of Eight thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$8,000.00) to the following named account: City Hall Maintenance Expense Account for Departmental Equipment from available funds in City Hall Maintenance Salary Account for Facilities Custodian.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated used to purchase new floor cleaning machine. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-8 Mayor's appropriation of One hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$100,000.00) to the following named account: Human Resources Special Account for Unemployment Insurance from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and pass. Councilor Balakier stated for unemployment insurance. More claims, state is doing higher authorization for the end of the fiscal year. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-9 Mayor's appropriation of Twenty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$20,000.00) to the following named accounts:

Election Salaries	\$ 15,000.00
Election Expenses	<u>5,000.00</u>
	\$ 20,000.00

from available funds in the City Clerk Salary Account for Clerk.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive and pass. Councilor Shumsky stated the Clerk's Office for election salaries. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-10 Mayor's appropriation of Three thousand three hundred thirty and 00/100 dollars (\$3,330.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Highway Expense Account for Special Services from available funds in the D.P.W. Highway Salary Account for Highway Maintenance Man.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and pass. Councilor Courchesne stated to fix a guardrail. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-11 Mayor's appropriation of Four hundred eighty one thousand six hundred thirty four and 85/100 dollars (\$481,634.85) to the following named account: Law Special Revenue Account for Opioid Settlements from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and pass. Councilor Goff stated reimbursement from the opioid companies for addiction services. Police Department to work with the School Department. Councilor Priak-Costello stated money will be well spent for the School Department for councilors to address the crisis. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-12 Ordered that the City Council accept the FY24 Emergency Management Performance (EMPG) Grant in the amount of Twenty seven thousand nine hundred fifty and 00/100 dollars (\$27,950.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to the Chicopee Emergency Management Department. Said grant will be used to purchase jet skis and related equipment to be used in water search and rescue and the grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks stated acceptance of the grant. Purchase the grant will allow us to make. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-13 Mayor's appropriation of Forty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$40,000.00) to the following named account: Emergency Management Special Account for Grant Spending/Disaster Relief from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account of which Twenty seven thousand nine hundred fifty and 00/100 dollars (\$27,950.00) will be reimbursed from the FY24 EMPG Grant.

--Motion made by Councilor Arriaga to receive and pass. Councilor Arriaga stated goes with MO-12, can use for the gear for the jet skis. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-14 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Joseph Pasternak III, 200 Beauchamp Terr, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the License Commission to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of April, 2028. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

*Re-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Priak-Costello to receive and the reappointment confirmed. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-15 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have appointed Barbara G. Galindo, 20 Andover Road, Chicopee, Massachusetts 01020 to the Board of Registrar of Voters effective April 2, 2024 expiring on April 2, 2028 to which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

*Re-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and the reappointment confirmed. Councilor Krampits stated Barb has been the Registrar for a few years now. Board voted for the reappointment, look forward to reappointing. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-16 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Carlos Felix, 84 Elcon Drive, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of April 2029. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

*Re-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive and pass. Councilor Wagner stated self-explanatory, reappointment. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-17 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Susan Lopes, 161 Cobb Avenue, Chicopee, MA 01013, as a member of the Chicopee Housing Authority, to serve in such office for the term expiring on 4/1/2029. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

*New appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and the appointment confirmed.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to suspend Rule #38. Councilor Roy stated self-explanatory. Councilor Wagner stated had the distinct pleasure of serving with Sue Lopes. This comes from personal reservations from appointing the new Superintendent of Schools. Moral and ethical questions and concerns about the process. Concerns were rebuffed. Was contacted later with a lengthy email. Attempted to ask what the rationale for the email was. Was treated with hostility and rudeness. At a later meeting there was an incident, remark was relayed. Female students dress was described as disgusting. After the advisory committee had asked for a policy change to allow for a looser dress code. Filed an open meeting law complaint. Deliberations by email. Motion to suspend Rule #38 passed by a roll call vote of 9 yes, 4 no. Councilors Wagner, Brooks, Goff and Pniak-Costello voting no. Motion the appointment confirmed passed by a roll call vote of 8 yes, 5 no. Councilors Wagner, Arriaga, Brooks, Goff, and Pniak-Costello voting no.

- 18 A favorable Public Works Committee report: Be it Ordered that the Public Works Committee hold a public hearing on reducing the speed limit to 25 MPH on New Ludlow Road, starting at the intersection of Memorial Drive and New Ludlow Road, traveling east to the South Hadley town line.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and placed on file. Councilor Krampits stated discussion, quite a few residents showed up. Good input at the meeting. Speed limit is set by the state, need a specific speed limit agreement. Councilor Pniak-Costello could file an order for a speed study. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated very well-run meeting. Concerned about the section of road, lot of speeding/residential area. There are tractor-trailers, hard to cross the street. Not many crosswalks, will file an order for a speed study. Motion to place on file passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 19 A favorable Public Works Committee report: Be it Ordered that the DPW Superintendent meet with the Public Works Committee to discuss the following:

- Update on Curve signs for Irene Street on the new speed limit sign poles
- Update on Speed signs as discussed for Chicopee Street
- Update on the cost for the bridge height early warning system
- Discuss painting the trestle in some form or putting up flashing lights on the height signs that lead up to the bridge on the Chicopee Street side to help the truck driver pay more attention
- Discuss additional stop signs on Irene Street
- Add reflective strips on all speed limit signs
- Update on replacing the stop signs at Ingham and Irene with flashing stop signs

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and placed on file. Councilor Krampits stated asked for a good meeting, several items. Updated the above bullets. Councilor Courchesne stated will work with MASSDOT on the trestle. Have to get approval from the right agency. Motion to place on file passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 20 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained that the City Council amend 260-27A, Parking for handicapped, to exempt City of Chicopee Council on Aging transit vehicles in the performance of an assigned route. The ordinance will read:

260-27. Parking for handicapped.

- A. No person shall park a vehicle on any street or parts thereof, or in any municipal off-street parking area or parts thereof, as listed in 260-68 of this chapter, except those vehicles which bear the distinctive "HP" or "DV" number plates or plates with the international symbol for the handicapped, paratransit vehicle for the handicapped and bearing the international symbol for the handicapped, or a Chicopee Council On Aging transit vehicle in the performance of an assigned route.
- B. Any person convicted of a violation of this section, except as may be otherwise provided, shall have his or her vehicle towed as well as a fine of \$100 for each offense.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and the motion to withdraw granted. Councilor Krampits stated there was an email from the Mayor's office to withdraw. Motion to withdraw passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 21 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Chapter 201-1 Light Pollution

Due to the detriment to human health that light pollution poses, it is prohibited for a property owner to have exterior lighting that shines directly onto abutting property, public sidewalk, public street or towards the sky. Failure to comply shall result in a non-criminal fine of \$25.00 enforced by the Health Department. Property owners seeking building permits shall not be issued a building permit until their exterior lighting comes into compliance with this ordinance.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and placed on file. Councilor Krampits stated discussion amongst the committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello will work with Building and Health. Avoid potential conflicts. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated Councilor Labrie has concerns. Ordinance does exist in other towns, light shining into homes at night. Motion to place on file passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 22 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained that Chapter 16, Articles XI §43 and Article XXVI §113 and §114 of the Ordinances of the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out \$2,000,000 and inserting in place thereof, \$5,000,000 in Article XI §43 and Article XXVI §113, and amend Article XXVI §114 by adding or designee to lines (2), (3), (4), and (5); and further by striking line (7) and inserting in place thereof, (7) An Elected Official, Department Head, or administrative employee of the City of Chicopee with finance expertise; and adding line (11) Commissions formed under the Massachusetts School Building Authority, (MSBA), seeking reimbursement form the MSBA must comply with MSBA requirements.

The revised Chapter 16, Article XI §43 will read:

All municipal buildings constructed for use by the City of Chicopee or any of its departments or residents as well as renovations to existing city-owned buildings or municipal construction projects where the total contract price totals \$5,000,000 or more shall require the appointment of a Municipal Building Commission formed and empowered to act under the provisions of this article. Each such municipal project shall have a separate Municipal Building Commission.

The revised Chapter 16, Article XXVI §113 will read:

§16-113. Projects Requiring Commission.

All buildings constructed for the use by the City of Chicopee School Department or any of its departments and any renovations to existing school buildings where the total contract price totals \$5,000,000 or more. Each such project shall have a separate Building Commission.

The revised Chapter 16, Article XXVI §114 will read:

§16-117. Composition.

- A. Upon the solicitation of request for a proposal in connection with a bid for construction of any project requiring a Commission in accordance with Section 16-113, the Mayor shall appoint a total of 13 members, as follows:
 - (1) A member of the Chicopee School Committee,
 - (2) The Chicopee Superintendent of Schools or designee.
 - (3) The Inspector of Buildings or designee.
 - (4) Director of Maintenance for School Department or designee
 - (5) School principal of the subject school or designee
 - (6) A member who has knowledge of the educational mission and function of the facility to be built or renovated.
 - (7) An Elected Official, Department Head, or Administrative Employee of the City of Chicopee with financial expertise.
 - (8) Members of the community with architecture, engineering and/or construction experience to provide advice relative to the effect of the proposed project on the community and to examine building design and construction in terms of its constructability. [See 963 CMR 2.10(3)(b).]
 - (9) The City Council shall recommend five appointments to the Mayor from Subsection A(8).
 - (10) The Mayor shall appoint one member from Subsection A(8)
 - (11) Commissions formed under the Massachusetts School Building Authority, (MSBA), seeking reimbursement from the MSBA must comply with MSBA requirements.
- B. All appointments by the Mayor to the School Building Commission must be submitted to the City Council for confirmation by a majority vote of seven except for Subsection A(1) through A(7).

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated most projects are more than five million dollars, just changing the amount. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and the motion to deny upheld. Councilor Krampits stated traffic study needs to be done. There is construction for at least the next two years. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated concerns about the type of traffic. Park, school, apartment complex and library. In the future need to look at the size of trucks. Motion to deny passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 24 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Ideal Avenue, Traveling north at the intersection of Britton Street and Ideal Avenue, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 25 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Memorial Avenue, Travelling north at the intersection of Memorial Avenue and Britton Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 26 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Hudson Avenue, Travelling north at the intersection of Hudson Avenue and Britton Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 27 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Gladdu Avenue, Traveling South at the intersection of Britton Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 28 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Guerin Street, Traveling east at the intersection of College Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 29 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, St. Jacques Avenue, Traveling east at the intersection of College Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 30 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Kurtz Street, Travelling east – At intersection of Old Field Road, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 31 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Labelle Drive, Travelling south – At intersection of Burnett Road, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 32 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Other Handicap Parking, 78 Muzzy Street, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and the motion to deny upheld. Councilor Krampits stated tough ones because you want to help people. There is a driveway, concern with stairs on the house, outside the council's ability. Very congested street don't want to take away parking. Motion to deny passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 33 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Cinnamon Drive, Travelling west – At intersection of Basil Road, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 34 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Broad Street, Traveling west – At the intersection of Broad and Montcalm Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Approved but wait till construction is done to install. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 35 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Hansen Street, Traveling east – At the corner of Hansen Street and Montcalm Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated same situation, after construction. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 36 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Wiley Avenue, Traveling east – At the intersection of Wiley Ave and Montcalm Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated after construction. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 37 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Langevin Street, South, Traveling east – At the intersection of Langevin Street and Montcalm Street, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated same, after construction. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 38 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Langevin Street North, Traveling east – At the intersection of Langevin Street and Montcalm Street, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated again, after construction. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 39 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, America Street, Traveling East – At the intersection of Chicopee Street, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 40 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Granville Avenue, Traveling East – At the intersection of Chicopee Street, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Thanked Councilor Labrie for attending the meeting, without him they wouldn't have had a quorum. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 41 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Other Handicap Parking, 50 Peloquin Drive, Handicap Parking.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and postponed to the call of the chair. Councilor Krampits stated public street/people put apartment numbers on handicap signs. They should be available to anyone with a handicap placard or plate. Adjacent to the housing authority. Councilor Goff stated handicap parking was moved by someone. Not in legal positions. When engineer has the signs moved back to the original area it will be in a bad spot. Motion to postpone passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 42 A Zoning Committee report: Special Permit application under Chapter 275-58 (c) (5) for the purpose of a property becoming a mixed property. The creation of one residential unit in a business building located at 386 Chicopee Street.
- Applicant – Dance Dynamics/Angela Klusmen, 386 Chicopee Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.
- Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the request for withdrawal approved. Councilor Balakier stated been an interesting one. Several months. Taxes are owed, applicant doesn't own the property. Still hopeful to buy the property. Motion to withdraw passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 43 Be it Ordered that the City Council approve the recommendation from the City Clerk and the Mayor that city employees receive a copy of their birth certificate free of charge for the insurance audit.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive and pass. Councilor Shumsky stated insurance audit, will allow a city employee to get one birth certificate for free. City Clerk Rattell stated employees shouldn't be burdened with the expense. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 44 Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Delete Chapter 275-66 A in its entirety

And insert in place thereof

275-66 A Burnett Road

- A. No further business, commercial or industrial development shall occur on Burnett Road from the Ludlow/Chicopee line to the intersection of New Lombard Road and Burnett Road and any appurtenant street for a period of one year commencing on April 1, 2024, and terminating on April 1, 2025, except by special permit.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive and refer to the Zoning Committee, Ordinance and Planning. Councilor Shumsky stated for Burnett Road moratorium to help with traffic. Hoping to find a solution in the future. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 45 Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Chapter 280

280-1. Definitions.

The following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

DIRECTOR

The Director of the Health Department or their designee.

ASTM D6400

The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International Standard Specification for Compostable Plastics.

ASTM D7081

ASTM International Standard Specification for Biodegradable Plastics in the Marine Environment.

CHECKOUT BAG

A carryout bag provided by a store to a customer at the point of sale. Checkout bags shall not include:

- A. Bags, whether plastic or not, in which loose produce or products are placed by the consumer or manufacturer to deliver such items to the point of sale or checkout area of the store; or
- B. Laundry or dry-cleaner bags; or
- C. Newspaper bags; or
- D. Bags to contain or wrap produce, frozen foods, meat or fish, whether prepackaged or not, to prevent or contain moisture.
- E. A nonplastic bag without handles in which prepared food is placed.
- F. A bag provided by a pharmacy to a customer purchasing a prescription medication.

DEPARTMENT

The City's Health Department.

MARINE-DEGRADABLE PLASTIC BAG

A plastic bag that conforms to the current ASTM D7081 standard specification for marine degradability; and conforms to any other standards deemed acceptable by the Department, provided additional Department-approved standards are as stringent as ASTM D7081.

RECYCLEABLE PAPER BAG

A paper bag that is:

- A. 100% recyclable, including the handles;
- B. Contains at least 40% post-consumer recycled paper content; and
- C. Displays the words "recyclable" in a visible manner on the outside of the bag.

RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT

Any retail space located in the City including, without limitation, a restaurant, food or ice cream truck, convenience store, retail pharmacy, or supermarket.

REUSABLE CHECKOUT BAG

A sewn bag with stitched handles that:

- A. Can carry 25 pounds over a distance of 300 feet;
- B. Either
 - (1) Made of cloth or other machine-washable fabric; or
 - (2) Made of plastic other than polyethylene (HDPE, LDPE, PETE, etc.) or polyvinyl chloride that is durable, nontoxic, and generally considered a food-grade material that is more than four mills thick.

280-2 Requirements.

- A. If any retail establishment as defined in 280-1 provides a checkout bag to customers, the bag shall comply with the requirements of being either a recyclable paper bag, a compostable and marine-degradable plastic bag, or a reusable checkout bag.
- B. A store that provides any type of checkout bag may provide them for free or at such cost they deem appropriate. All moneys collected pursuant to this chapter shall be retained by the store.
- C. Any charge for a checkout bag shall be separately stated on a receipt provided at the time of sale and shall be identified as the "checkout bag charge" thereon.
- D. The Director may promulgate rules and regulations to implement this section.

280-3. Violations and penalties; enforcement.

- A. Each retail establishment shall comply with this chapter.
 - (1) If it is determined that a violation has occurred, the Director shall issue a warning notice to the retail establishment for the initial violation.
 - (2) If an additional violation of this chapter has occurred within one year after a warning notice has been issued for an initial violation, the Director shall issue a notice of violation and shall impose a penalty against the retail establishment.
 - (3) The penalty for each violation that occurs after the issuance of the warning notice shall be no more than:
 - (a) For the first offense: \$50.
 - (b) For the second offense and all subsequent offenses: \$100. Payment of such fines may be enforced through civic action in the state District Court.

(4) No more than one penalty shall be imposed upon a retail establishment within a seven-calendar-day period.

(5) A retail establishment shall have 30 calendar days after the date that a notice of violation is issued to pay for the penalty.

B. The Health Department shall notify all retail and food service establishments, in writing, by mail of the effective date of this chapter by June 30, 2024.

280-4. Effective date.

All of the requirements set forth in this chapter shall take effect October 1, 2024 for retail establishments 50,000 square feet and greater and June 1, 2025, for retail establishments less than 50,000 square feet.

280-5. Severability.

It is the intention of the City Council that each separate provision of this chapter shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein, and it is further the intention of the City Council that if any provision of this chapter be declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this chapter shall remain valid and enforceable.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Shumsky stated proposed plastic bag ban. Based on the size of stores. Worked with the councilors. Drive down Sheridan Street, there is trash hanging from trees. Received dozens of phone calls. Hope to find a solution. Councilor Goff stated agree with banning plastic bags. In November there was a bill passed, some is different than the senate bill. Councilor Balakier stated prevalent everywhere in the country. Needs to be addressed. Fine Walmart if they are responsible. Councilor Wagner stated worked at Big Y, was also an issue there. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated Chicopee has a trash problem everywhere. Constituent walks everyday picking up trash. Councilor Shumsky stated Mr. Hackett spends 2-3 hours a day picking up the area around his house. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

46 Be it Ordered that only the agenda for the Mayor's Briefing be printed as backup material is already printed for the City Council meeting.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and refer to the Rules Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated backup for our meeting and the Mayor's Briefing. Don't need the same thing twice. Save the taxpayers.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to allow City Clerk Rattell to speak. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Clerk Rattell stated they are both official agendas. There is a process for a meeting, process is that now it is a meeting. Following the law. Maybe the Law Department can come up with something clever. Would be nice to make it all one meeting. Place to start. Councilor Courchesne stated this is not the agenda, just backup. Councilor Wagner stated rules and laws have to be followed. Shout out to the Clerk and his staff for keeping us up to date.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Laflamme stated thank Tim Reilly and Kevin Corridan. Voted to have them separate. Will send to committee. Motion to refer passed by unanimous roll call vote.

- 47 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Other No Turn On Red, Broadway Street, Traveling south – At the intersection of Abbey Memorial Drive, No Turn On Red.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Krampits stated constituent request. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 48 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Prospect Street, Heading East to the intersection of Memorial Drive, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 49 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Derooy Drive, Travelling east – At intersection of Olko Circle, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Shumsky stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 50 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Derooy Drive, Travelling south – At intersection of Olko Circle, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Shumsky stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 51 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Olko Circle, Travelling south – At intersection of Moreau Drive, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Shumsky stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 52 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Moreau Court, Travelling south – At intersection of Moreau Drive, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Shumsky stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 53 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Tourtelotte Avenue, Both sides from Chicopee Street for a distance of 35 feet or as recommended by Engineering, No Parking, Standing, or Stopping.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated have a couple dozen stop signs coming. Popular ice cream shop, parking is an issue with the residents. Parking in front of the fire hydrant. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 54 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Bus Stops, Chicopee/Perrault Street, Southbound – move back (north) 100 feet, Bus Stop #6447.
- Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated bus stop had a pedestrian refuge the bus parks in the safety zone, crosswalk. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 55 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Lapa Farm Road, Traveling east at the intersection of Old Field Road, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 56 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Freedom Street, Traveling east at the intersection of Old Field Road, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 57 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Arnold Avenue, Traveling east at the intersection of Old Field Road, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 58 Application for a NEW special permit under Section 275-58 (c) (4) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of apply for Liquor License. Location of Property: 108 West Street, Chicopee, MA 01013. Map & Parcel ID: 0061-00013. Applicant: DingBin Chen, 1 Edward Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095.
- Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and refer to the Zoning, Planning, Building, and Health Departments. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 59 A renewal of a Hawkers and Peddlers License to Sell Ice Cream at various locations. Applicant: Jeffrey Kline, Jeff's Ding Dong Cart, 330 West Street, Ludlow, MA 01056.
- Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted with current restrictions. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

60-61 2024-Junk Dealer's License Renewals

Furnari Jewelers
AJW Realty, LLC

Anthony Furnari1189 Memorial Drive
Anthony Furnari766 Memorial Drive

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted with current restrictions. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

62 2024 -Home Occupation License Renewals

Renee Simone

71 Mary Street

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted with current restrictions. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Adjournment:--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to adjourn at 9:02. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Rattell", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Keith W. Rattell, City Clerk

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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday April 16, 2024, at 7:15 pm in the Auditorium are as follows:

Laflamme, Frank N., President	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Wagner, Timothy Joseph	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Arriaga, Abigail	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Absent
Goff, Susan M.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Shumsky, Samuel Robert	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Absent
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input—Lisa Bienvenue, 34 Everett Street, went to the Historical Commission meeting. Early history of the library. Chicopee had the first library west of Worcester. Map showed the library was in a house. Showed the libraries that were in other communities. So many things we are at the forefront then fall behind. Penny wise and pound foolish. Streets are a pet peeve, street safety should be paramount. Globally major changes are being made how we move vehicles on streets, make penny in investments. By the time we make the leap, we are 100 years behind. Sue Nimchick, 362 James Street, public input countdown. How important, individuals know the areas. Public insight before the council meetings. Subcommittee, abutters came, three minutes is still allowed. No ulterior motive, hope you also consider how many minutes it takes. Fundamental. In February had a meeting about the Golf Course. Very little input or questions of the committee. Only one who put in insight, or questions and he stated canned what was text to him.

Communications--none

Minutes --Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to accept the minutes of the April 2, 2024 Mayor's Briefing and April 2, 2024 City Council Meeting. Motion passed. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

MO-1 Mayor's appropriation of One hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$100,000.00) to the following named account: Auditing Special Account for Liability Insurance from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Arriaga to receive and pass. Councilor Arriaga stated to make sure the liability account is covered for the fourth quarter. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

- MO-2 Mayor's appropriation of Sixty two thousand four hundred thirty and 94/100 dollars (\$62,430.94) to the following named account: Human Resources Special Account for Indemnification of Police & Fire from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.
- Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and pass. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated indemnification of Police and Fire. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.
- MO-3 Mayor's appropriation of Sixty eight thousand two hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$68,200.00) to the following named account: Planning Expense Account for Special Services from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass. Councilor Krampits stated hazard mitigation plan has expired. Need to update for FEMA. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.
- MO-4 Mayor's appropriation of Twenty four thousand two hundred fifty and 00/100 dollars (\$24,250.00) to the following named account: Planning Special Account for Valleybike Annual Membership Fee from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.
- Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive and pass. Councilor Wagner stated get us and other municipalities up and running. Councilor Balakier stated planning requested a grant for \$40,000 to help fund this. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.
- MO-5 Mayor's appropriation of Six thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$6,000.00) to the following named account: Purchasing Expense Account for Advertising from the available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.
- Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Councilor Roy stated request to cover advertising. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.
- MO-6 Ordered that the City Council accept the grant in the amount of One thousand five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$1,500.00) from the Chicopee Cultural Council to the City of Chicopee for Movie Months. A celebration of cinema with a special focus on thematic screenings. Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.
- Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, pass and the grant accepted. Councilor Labrie stated to bring cinematic screening to the city. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

MO-7 Ordered that the City Council accept the grant in the amount of One thousand two hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$1,200.00) from the Chicopee Cultural Council to the City of Chicopee for Hispanic Heritage Dominoes Tournament. Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated Hispanic heritage, dominoes downtown. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

MO-8 Ordered that the City Council accept the grant in the amount of One thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$1,000.00) from the Chicopee Cultural Council to the City of Chicopee for Expressions of Love Sidewalk Chalk Day. Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive, pass and the grant accepted. Councilor Balakier stated for expressions of love, sidewalk chalk day, in favor of this. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

MO-9 Ordered that the City Council accept the grant in the amount of Two thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$2,000.00) from the Chicopee Cultural Council to the City of Chicopee for Puerto Rican Heritage Month Celebration. Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive and pass. Councilor Shumsky stated Puerto Rican heritage celebration. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated grants total \$5,700 for these events. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-10 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of One thousand three hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$1,300.00) from the Dr. Mary G. Wile Education Endowment Fund to the Chicopee Public Library. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and pass. Councilor Goff stated donated to the library. Councilor Balakier stated letter of thanks to be sent for the donation. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

MO-11 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Katherine Baldiga, 62 Kaveney Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts as an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of April, 2029. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*Re-Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Arriaga to receive and pass. Councilor Arriaga stated self-explanatory. Councilor Shumsky stated since it is a reappointment don't need to go to committee. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

MO-12 Ordered that the City Council accept the donations in the amount of Five thousand five hundred thirty one and 75/100 dollars (\$5,531.75) to the Chicopee Council on Aging for Senior Meals for the month of March, 2024. Said donations are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and pass with a 2nd by Councilor Zygarowski. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 10 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

13 A favorable Communications Committee report: Be it Ordered that a meeting of the whole be held to invite InstaTrac to present their MuniTrac product to the Council.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive and placed on file. Councilor Shumsky stated had a meeting, was a contentious communication from Councilor Courchesne. Mass Municipal Association has something similar. Councilor Wagner stated was at the meeting even though he didn't sign. Motion passed. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

14 **Resolution**

Be it Resolved by the Chicopee City Council that we support the Paint Stewardship Legislation; and

Whereas, Landfill capacity in Massachusetts has rapidly declined and no new capacity is expected; and

Whereas, The cost of hauling and disposal of waste materials have increased by over 30% in the last five years and are expected to continue increasing at similar rates; and

Whereas, A paint stewardship law would create a convenient collection network to properly manage all architectural paint from business and residential sectors and substantially decrease inappropriate discarding of paint, which is a toxic substance that can cause harmful environmental pollution; and

Whereas, A paint stewardship law will divert paint from waste disposal to its best and highest use, whereby there will be a small but real decrease in the total waste going to landfills; and

- Whereas, Paint stewardship laws have been demonstrated as an effective means of diverting paint from landfills in our neighboring states of Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont, and New York; and
- Whereas, A law supporting discarding of latex and oil-based paints at participating retail stores and transfer stations has strong support from constituents; and
- Whereas, Municipal waste management systems were established a century ago to manage wastes like ashes, food scraps and horse manure, rather than the wide array of manufactured goods, including paint, which dominate today's municipal waste, and
- Whereas, The Massachusetts Municipal Association passed a resolution which supports statewide producer responsibility legislation in January 2019,

Now, therefore be it Resolved that the Chicopee City Council urges the Massachusetts General Court and the leadership of both chambers to view the pending Paint Stewardship legislation favorably and take whatever actions are necessary to pass the Paint Stewardship bills into law, including voting favorably out of any and all committees. A Paint Stewardship law will begin relieving municipalities and consumers of ever-rising solid waste management costs, significantly reduce a toxic waste going to landfills and decrease greenhouse gases generated by the paint industry by 4%.

Pending Paint Stewardship legislation in the 2023-2024 legislative session includes Bills
H.823 "An Act Relative to Paint Recycling"
S.542 "An Act to Establish Safe Paint Stewardship" and
S.551 "An Act Relative to Paint Recycling"

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated have all the backup, was explained thoroughly. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated was very happy the council has put forth this resolution. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

15

Be it Ordered that a traffic study be performed on New Ludlow Road, as recommended by the Public Works Committee, from the intersection of Memorial Drive traveling east to the South Hadley town line. The traffic study is to be completed by the DPW.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Public Works Committee. Pniak-Costello stated suggested by the Public Works Committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

16 Be it Ordered that nominations for the City of Chicopee Library Board of Trustees be opened.

Be it further Ordered that Normand Girouard be considered for said positions and final appointment be voted upon.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to amend #16. Motion passed. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and approve and open nominations nominating Normand Girouard. Councilor Labrie stated can't just appoint him, need to send to the next meeting. Motion passed. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

17 Be it Ordered that the Finance Committee be provided an updated review of the revenues and expenses of the Golf Course.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and refer to the Finance Committee. Councilor Goff stated like an update now that the course is open. See where they stand. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated objective is get a handle of the budget before the budget hearings. What revenues and expenses are. In 2013 a company was hired to make money or break even. Over two years there was a deficit of two million dollars. Councilor Balakier stated clarification or updated review? How often are you looking for this review? They just opened April 1st. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated want knowledge before the budget hearings. Councilor Balakier stated projections may be off depending on weather. Information may be skewed. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated statements are valid. Even a month later will still be the same. Any expenses and questions a committee member may have. Several departments in the month of June. Ask questions without being rushed. Councilor Balakier stated will be snapshot of time. Councilor Wagner stated uncle runs the concessions will abstain from voting.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent. Councilor Laflamme stated will vote no on this tonight. Can only have 5 councilors speak at a meeting. Will get better information from the auditor. She has all the figures. Only certain questions can be asked. Encourage to speak with the auditor moving forward. Reach out to department heads and the auditor if you have any questions. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated think it's a great idea to reach out to the auditor. Put it in a public meeting. Public meeting will get the expertise of the auditor. People that really run the show. Councilor Roy stated don't think it's fair to the golf course. Just opened April 1st. Going to be a guessing game. Councilor Shumsky stated spoke to Mike O'Neill on Saturday. Why just the golf course being looked at. Just had a Finance Committee meeting two months ago. Councilor Goff stated what do they expect to earn and what do they expect to spend. Looking for the future just so we're prepared. Councilor Roy stated only thing you can do is get the budget from last year and compare. Weather is a factor. Check from last year's budget. Councilor Wagner stated move to call the question. Motion defeated by a roll call vote of 3 yes, 7 no, 1 abstained. Councilors Arriaga, Goff & Pniak-Costello voting yes, Councilor Wagner abstained. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

18 Be it Ordered that the Human Resources Committee be provided an update on Unemployment Compensation Benefits.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and refer to the Human Resources Committee.

Councilor Goff stated voted on an extra \$100,000 to unemployment, certain departments are way above what we should be paying. See what the real cause is.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed.

Councilor Laflamme abstained, Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent. Councilor Laflamme stated will be voting no on this. Get more from meeting one on one with the department head.

Workmen's comp and unemployment, if you want to know go visit Sharyn the auditor. Get

answers, more knowledgeable. Look at this every time I get the agenda. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated agree with Councilor Laflamme but agree with a public meeting. Have a public hearing.

Questions come from constituents, also give the public the ability to hear the answers. Councilor Zygarowski stated agree with Councilor Laflamme on this will vote no. HR Director can't say all in a public hearing. Confidentiality, talked to department heads, got answers. Privacy laws.

Councilor Wagner stated personnel issues, what you can and can not ask at a meeting.

Department heads will answer you. Motion to refer defeated by a roll call vote of 5 yes 6 no.

Councilors Wagner, Arriaga, Goff, Krampits, & Pniak-Costello voting yes. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

19 Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Striking from Chapter 32, Article I §1-A "six"

And insert in place thereof "four"

The revised Chapter 32, Article I §1-A will read:

The general charge of the financial interest of the City shall be in a standing Committee on Finance, which shall consist of the President of the City Council and four members of the Council appointed by the President. Said Committee shall annually in the months of November and December meet to compile recommendations for the City Council budget for the ensuing municipal year, which recommendations shall be passed upon by the City Council for referral to the Mayor.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance

Committee. Councilor Wagner stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed by a roll call vote of 10 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Pniak-Costello out of chair. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Add to Chapter 32, Article I §3

The City Auditor shall furnish the City Council with a monthly budget report of Expenditures and Revenues prior to its first regular meeting of any month.

The amended Chapter 32, Article I §3 will read:

The City Auditor shall act as the Clerk of the Committee on Finance and of the Committee on Claims and Accounts. It shall be his duty to carefully examine all claims which may be presented against the City, see that the same are correctly cased, that the amounts charged are proper and in accordance with the contract under which the charges were made and that the same are legal. If he finds the claims correct, he shall approve the same in writing and submit them to the Mayor, who may order payment thereof. If he shall disapprove any claim, he shall return it to the officer, board or committee from whom it came for revision, and if it is not corrected and he still disapproves of it, he shall refer it to the Committee on Claims and Accounts, with his objections thereto. He shall examine the accounts of the City Collector and of all other persons, committees and boards who may be charged with the collection or disbursement of the funds of the City, and for this purpose shall have access to all the books and vouchers which relate to said accounts. At the close of the financial year, he shall prepare a detailed report of the finances of the year and of all accounts examined by him and submit the same to the Committee on Finance. The City Auditor is to provide a report listing general funds receipts and revolving funds for each department for all budget hearings. The City Auditor shall furnish the City Council with a monthly budget report of Expenditures and Revenues prior to its first regular meeting of any month.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Wagner stated discussed with the auditor at length about this. Can be sent by email. Get on the books. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated basically and idea Councilor Goff had, right on the money. Councilor Wagner stated yes, sent a draft to the auditor, surrounding communities, would hate to put more on her plate. Most cities get this.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent. Councilor Laflamme stated was going to vote no. Send to Sharyn see if she agrees, don't want to bother her. Councilor Wagner stated anyone who isn't aware of what Munis can do-it is two clicks and an export. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Repeal Chapter 16, Article VII – Censorship Committee

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Wagner stated self-explanatory. Ordinance that is several decades old. Charged with censoring things at libraries and schools. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

- 22 Be it Ordered that the Human Resources Committee meet to discuss potential participation in the Commonwealth's Paid Family Medical Leave (PFML) program, and that the Chief Human Resources Officer be asked to attend.

A brief overview may be found here:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/paid-family-and-medical-leave-pfml-overview-and-benefits>

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Human Resources Committee. Councilor Wagner stated former Rep. Wagner did before he left in 2023. PFML program, allows for employees to get a portion of their pay if they are injured. Find it funny in most of the public world. As the Human Resources put it most municipalities don't opt in. Worth at least exploration. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated progressive move, would help employees. Motion to refer passed by a roll call vote of 9 yes, 2 no. Councilors Laflamme & Zygarowski voting no. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

- 23 Be it Ordered that the following Non-Binding question and summary be placed on the ballot for the next Regular Municipal Election set for November 2025.

Question 1: Shall the positions of City Collector of Taxes, City Treasurer, City Assessors of Taxes be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council based on professional qualifications rather than popularly elected?

Question 1 Summary: This question is aimed at gaining the public's perspective on the issue. The City Council is considering amending the city charter and the positions of City Collector of Taxes, City Assessor of Taxes, and City Treasurer to be appointed based on professional qualifications rather than elected positions every two or four years (depending on position). The City Charter currently defines the terms of the office for Treasurer and Collector of taxes at four years, and City Assessor of Taxes at four years and two years depending on vote share.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive and refer to the Rules Committee. Councilor Wagner stated attended an MMA conference. DLS does fantastic financial work. Discussion should they be hired based on professional qualifications. People are making errors that are having a financial impact on cities and towns. Wonder about when people step away what we'll do. Councilor Shumsky stated have concerns with this taking away the voice of the people. One of the things that have come to mind. Appointed by the Mayor or the Council, can do things that are not ethical. Not comfortable taking the voice from the people. Councilor Balakier stated was there any mention of the City Clerk. Important position in the city. Councilor Wagner stated

more common to see clerks appointed rather than elected. In the early 2000's had the Mayor appointed the clerk the signatures may have been just passed through. People can be fired for cause. At what point does popularity trump qualifications. Move toward a more qualified government. Councilor Krampits stated appreciate Councilor Wagner bringing this forward for discussion. Like the idea of elected positions. Keeps the balance of power. When things are going awry don't re-elect. Two ways to put questions on the ballot. Had been discussion for years. Unless there is a demand for something to go on the ballot. Go get signatures, many positions, the staff keeps the people on track. Personally don't see a demand for this. Like the public being able to vote. Keep balance. Councilor Labrie stated concern on 2 or 3-council is considering amending, never had a discussion, this was something we talked about putting on the table. Take voters rights away from the people we put in city hall. No one has ever asked, not going to send to the voters. Taking power away from the people and giving it to the mayor. More power to the mayor. Can't vote for this. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated have different experiences, have discussed these people not be elected. Isn't something that's new. Agree things are going well. What does the future hold? To discuss this, should they be elected. Some people can't run for office if they don't have the money. Elections are expensive. Can have a qualified person that can't afford to run for a city-wide office. Put forth new ideas. Councilor Wagner stated ask a rhetorical question, last sixish months why have we not made any expenditures from the free cash account? Treasurer didn't have the necessary experience to fill out state forms. No one knew how to look at the issue. What if the auditor wasn't there to help. Rectify this situation. Prior to being on the Charter Commission. Go to the MGL and get signatures. Councilor Goff stated do agree that when it comes to an election or applying for a job. Lot more applicants you can sort through. Go through the applications.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent. Councilor Laflamme stated many new people on this board. We may not have been here today if it wasn't for our parents. When I was looking to hire you ask do you know someone you can trust. Look at Councilor Shumsky he ran and he won. He will prove himself over the next two years. Young man is proving himself. Councilor Wagner grew up in politics. Now have a two-year term here. Taking away from the people. Overwhelming, let it be the voters choice. Always transparency. Let the public decide. Hire people in positions by the mayor. Reviewed in other cities and towns. Do what the people want. Councilor Shumsky is doing a great job. Councilor Wagner stated democracy, ask the people. If they don't want it, they don't want it. Motion to refer defeated by a roll call vote of 4 yes, 7 no. Councilors Wagner, Arriaga, Goff, & Pniak-Costello voting yes. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

24

A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Ross Avenue, At the intersection of 8th Avenue, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated self-explanatory. Motion passed, referred. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

25 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, 8th Avenue, At the intersection of Ross Avenue, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated self-explanatory. Motion passed, referred. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

26 An application for a NEW Auto Detail license: The Tint Shop, 932 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01020. Applicant: Besel Laden Smaili, 65 Bonnevill Avenue, #1, Chicopee, MA 01013.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Krampits stated take up in committee. Motion passed, referred. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

27-28 2024 Home Occupation Renewals

Debbie's Do's	Debra Pelletier	12 Kane Drive
Custom Cookie Concepts	Susan Gendron	82 9 th Avenue

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and granted with existing restrictions. Motion passed. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

29-30 2024 Junk Dealer's License Renewals

EcoATM, LLC	EcoATM, LLC	591 Memorial Drive
EcoATM, LLC	EcoATM, LLC	1956 Memorial Drive

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and granted with existing restrictions. Motion passed. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

Adjournment:--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to adjourn at 8:47. Motion passed. Councilors Brooks & Courchesne absent.

ATTEST:



Keith W. Rattell, City Clerk

Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday May 7, 2024, at 7:15 pm in the Auditorium are as follows:

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Laflamme, Frank N., President	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Wagner, Timothy Joseph	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Arriaga, Abigail	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Absent
Goff, Susan M.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Shumsky, Samuel Robert	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input—Lisa Bienvenue, 34 Everett Street, it was wonderful to see the bike details out today, police an active part of the community. Did notice we need a little money for the golf course GPS. Everyone will talk wonderfully about the golf pro or whose neighbor he is. It's for telematics, geo fencing, speed control, unauthorized usage. As effusive as you are all about the golf course wish you were about the streets, sidewalks, should care what's about all of us. Blasé faire about the citizens of the city. Does research when the citizens don't agree. Sue Nimchick, 362 James Street, read a quote from Michael Rutek, retired federal judge. Need leaders who raise, tell the truth, crucial at any level of government especially grass roots. There are leaders. Rules committee voted unanimously to deny the change of public input time. Zoom councilor questioned when so many people come to meetings what do we do? One hundred and twenty seconds is not the issue. Life vested in the city. Full of facts. Not about the time. Counting down, being cut off says everything. Councilor Vieau when he was president would let people go over the three minutes.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to close public input. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to return to the regular order of business. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

Communications--none

Minutes --Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to approve the minutes of the 4/16/24 Mayor's Briefing and the 4/16/24 Council Meeting. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- MO-1 Mayor's appropriation of Ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$10,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Administration Expense Account for Repairs to Building from available funds in the D.P.W. Highway Salary Account for Highway Maintenance Man.
- Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and pass. Councilor Goff stated for the administration building to repair heating and cooling system. Need to be updated to work properly. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.
- MO-2 Mayor's appropriation of Eight thousand six hundred fifty six and 34/100 dollars (\$8,656.34) to the following named account: Golf Special Account for GPS Tracking for Golf Carts from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.
- Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and pass. Motion amended by Councilor Goff to refer to the Finance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated cost of the lease to get to the end of the fiscal year. The GPS controls where the carts can go. Were able to have two tournaments because of this technology. Councilor Wanger stated will abstain because uncle is a contractor of the concession stand. Councilor Goff stated not that it's not a good system, level funded, something needs to be looked at. Price of anything does not go down. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated would be nice to have a public hearing, open in regards to finances. Councilor Shumsky stated the director of golf came tonight, stated this will help save money. Don't see how referring to finance will solve anything. Councilor Arriaga stated already spent the \$30,000 if we don't fulfill it will be a waste of money. Will need the cushion. Already spent the money. Councilor Courchesne stated contract went up. We are bound by it. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated four year contract, already in place.
- Motion made by Councilor Wagner to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent. Councilor Laflamme stated brought up the reason this happened. Split budget, don't golf but there are parts of two budgets to the golf season. Won't happen in the future. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated motion to approve, what is Councilor Courchesne inferring? Motion to refer was defeated by a roll call vote of 2 yes, 9 no, 1 abstained. Councilors Goff and Pniak-Costello voting yes, Councilor Wagner abstained. Councilor Brooks absent. Motion to pass, passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Wagner abstained. Councilor Brooks absent.
- MO-3 Ordered that the City Council accept the FY2022 COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force Program Grant in the amount of Ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$10,000.00) to the Chicopee Police Department through the Massachusetts State Police. Said funding is to be used to locate and investigate illicit activity of the distribution of opioids, and it is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.
- Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive and pass. Councilor Shumsky stated grant from the anti-heroin task force. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated great opportunity for the city. Applaud the police. Crisis exists and exists everywhere. Protects the safety of family. Important tool for public safety. Councilor Zygarowski stated money be spent, sat on for a while. Let most

community use this money. Councilor Shumsky stated know people who have struggled, could save a life. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

- MO-4 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of Six hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$600.00) from Susan Martinez to the Chicopee Police Department. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive, pass and the donation accepted. Councilor Balakier stated generous donation, accept and send a letter of thanks. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

- MO-5 Mayor's appropriation of Twenty five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$25,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Wastewater Special Account for Settlement of Claims from available funds in the D.P.W. Combined Sewer Overflow Salary Account for Special MEO.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated sewer commission ok'd the money be spent, to settle with a residential household. Councilor Priak-Costello stated thank the DPW for getting this claim in. Problems won't exist in the future following the sewer separation. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

- MO-6 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached donation in the amount of Thirty and 00/100 dollars (\$30.00) to the Chicopee Public Library. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, pass and the donation accepted. Councilor Labrie stated in memory of Todd Isham. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

- MO-7 Mayor's appropriation of Twenty one thousand one hundred six and 80/100 dollars (\$21,106.80) to the following named account: City Hall Maintenance Special Account for Main Library BAS Replacement from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Councilor Roy stated to cover costs of a change order with a 10% additional contingency. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to nominate Councilor Labrie President Pro Tempore. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 9 yes, 3 abstained. Councilors Laflamme, Zygarowski, and Labrie abstained. Councilor Brooks absent.

- MO-8 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations in the amount of Two thousand two hundred forty seven and 00/100 dollars (\$2,247.00) to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said donations are for Senior Programming for the months of January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024 and they are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.
- Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive, pass and the money be accepted with a 2nd by Councilor Labrie. Councilor Wagner stated donations to cover costs of senior programming. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 10 yes, 2 abstained. Councilors Laflamme and Zygarowski abstained. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 9 A favorable Public Works Committee Report: Be it Ordered that the Public Works Committee hold a public hearing for an update on the DPW special account for roads and sidewalks and safety improvements.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and placed on file. Councilor Krampits stated discussion about Chapter 90 money. Much toward resurfacing and crack sealing on streets and sidewalks. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 10 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Old Lyman Road, Both Sides – From Britton Street for a distance of 270 feet southerly thereof, Parking Prohibited Here To Corner.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated no parking, researched by the city engineer Doug Ellis. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 11 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Beaudry Avenue, Traveling west at the intersection of Beaudry Avenue and Montcalm Street, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 12 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Duffy Street, Traveling north at the intersection of New Ludlow Road and Duffy Street, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 13 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Arnold Avenue, Traveling east at the intersection of Old Field Road, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 14 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Freedom Street, Traveling east at the intersection of Old Field Road, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 15 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Lapa Farm Road, Traveling east at the intersection of Old Field Road, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 16 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Bus Stops, Chicopee/Perrault Street, Southbound – move back (north) 100 feet, Bus Stop #6447.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 17 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Tourtelotte Avenue, Both sides from Chicopee Street for a distance of 35 feet or as recommended by Engineering, No Parking, Standing, or Stopping.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and postponed to the call of the chair. Councilor Krampits stated discussion with engineer and attorney. Needs to be broken up, changed. Will file the appropriate order, put back in committee. Motion to postpone passed. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 18 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Moreau Court, Travelling south – At intersection of Moreau Drive, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 19 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Olko Circle, Travelling south – At intersection of Moreau Drive, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 20 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Deroy Drive, Travelling south – At intersection of Olko Circle, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 21 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Deroy Drive, Travelling east – At interaction of Olko Circle, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 22 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Prospect Street, Heading East to the intersection of Memorial Drive, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 23 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Other No Turn On Red, Broadway Street, Traveling south – At the intersection of Abbey Memorial Drive, No Turn On Red.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 24 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: An ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Loretta Street, Traveling south at the intersection of Loretta Street and New Ludlow Road, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 25 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Special Permit application under Chapter 275-30(B) for the purpose of installing one 20'x10' conex storage box and moving the existing one 20'x10' conex for more storage at the Public Safety Complex located at 110 Church Street.
- Applicant – City of Chicopee, David Rice, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.
- Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the Special Permit approved. Councilor Balakier stated permit to run with the applicant. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 26 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Zone Change application from Res B to Bus A for 51,835 square feet of property located at 22 Grove Avenue and O Grove Street (Parcel ID 0125-00026 & 0125-00029) for the purpose of parking lot, new construction, restaurant, commercial kitchen, housing.
- Applicant – Ridvan Turan, 185 Grove Street, Chicopee, MA 01020.
- Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the Zone Change approved. Councilor Balakier stated the owner of Falls Pizza, will utilize the parking there. Think he will do a good job. Councilor Wagner stated some concerns with constituents will be existing parking on current lot. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 27 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Special Permit application under Chapter 275-58 C (4) for the purpose of restaurant with full service liquor license located at 1329 Memorial Drive.
- Applicant – Zengxin Ouyang, 131 Viscout Road, Longmeadow, MA 01106.
- Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the Special Permit approved. Councilor Balakier stated current Masse's Restaurant new owners. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 28 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:
- Add Chapter 275 – 73 James Street

No further business, commercial or industrial development shall occur on James Street from the intersection of James Street and Memorial Drive to the beginning of Syrek Street and any appurtenant Street for a period one year commencing February 1, 2024 and terminating February 1, 2025 except by special permit.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and postponed to the 5/29 Zoning Meeting in the City Council Chambers. Councilor Balakier stated to study a legal issue. Problem with the applicant. Motion to postpone passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 29 An unfavorable Rules Committee report: Be it Ordered that City Council Rule 12D be amended to read 5 instead of 3 minutes.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and defeated. Councilor Zygarowski stated meeting with the Rules Committee, all agree to stay with the current 3 minutes. Will stay. Councilor Wagner stated if the council deems necessary to give someone more time they can by a 2/3 vote of the council. Councilor Wagner stated the motion should be made in the affirmative. Motion to defeat passed by a roll call vote of 10 yes, 2 no. Councilors Arriaga and Pniak-Costello voting no. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 30 Be it Ordered that a comprehensive truck route for the City of Chicopee be referred to the Public Works Committee.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Public Works Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 31 Be it Ordered that the following nomination for the Former Library Building Commission be submitted to the Mayor:

Ray Hoess-Brooks
Tracy Hess
Thomas Costello

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and nominated tonight. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to approve Ray Hoess-Brooks. Motion defeated by a roll call vote of 2 yes, 9 no, 1 abstained. Councilors Wagner and Arriaga voting yes, Councilor Pniak-Costello abstained. Councilor Brooks absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to reconsider Ray Hoess-Brooks. Councilor Wagner stated have known Ray for quite some time. Been present for many things, he's probably one of the most qualified. Councilor Arriaga stated probably overqualified. Councilor Shumsky stated served with Ray genuine person. Councilor Laflamme stated he was willing to step aside, was looking to help. No disrespect to him, does a great job for the city. Wants to move this forward. Need to move ahead with the contracts.

--Motion to reconsider Ray Hoess-Brooks. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

--Motion to approve Ray Hoess-Brooks. Motion defeated by a roll call vote of 2 yes, 9 no, 1 abstained. Councilors Wagner and Arriaga voting yes, Councilor Pniak-Costello abstained. Councilor Brooks absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to approve Tracy Hess. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Pniak-Costello abstained. Councilor Brooks absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to approve Thomas Costello. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Pniak-Costello abstained. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 32 Be it Ordered that nomination to the Library Board of Trustees be accepted and closed and Normand Girouard be reappointed to the Library Board of Trustees.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to close nominations. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Wagner abstained. Councilor Brooks absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to approve and reappoint Normand Girouard. Councilor Wagner stated will abstain, relative. Councilor Shumsky stated constituent, can attest he is a genuine man. Councilor Laflamme stated congratulate him for serving, being willing to help again. Councilor Labrie stated thank you for serving again. Councilor Zygarowski stated always a gentleman. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Wagner abstained. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 33 Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Chapter 257-8 Removal of unhealthy trees.

Add to Chapter 257-8

257-8 (a)

Any tree on public property that is cut down or removed by the city for any reason must be replaced by 1 tree if the diameter of the trunk of the removed tree is less than 1 foot, or two trees if the diameter of the trunk of the removed tree is greater than or equal to a foot. The replacement tree must be planted within one year of the removal of any tree.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated people have been coming and want to have a discussion. Councilor Balakier stated was there any discussion with the tree warden? Councilor Pniak-Costello stated will invite to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Wagner stated have tried to contact department heads. Interdepartmental conversations, discussions tapered off. Councilor Zygarowski stated dealt with Scott (tree warden) for numerous trees. Just received an award from the state. Make sure he's there. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 34 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, 260-34 D Obstructing Traffic, Grattan Street, North and south bound in front of 739 Grattan Street, Do Not Block The Box.
- Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Labrie stated request of the Fire Chief, station 7 lot of cars try to go around the fire trucks trying to back into the station. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 35 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Greenpoint Circle, Traveling north at the intersection of James Street, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 36 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Bus Stops, Chicopee Street, Southbound – Move 400' south, Bus Stop #631.
- Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated at the corner blocking views of traffic. Safety hazard. Councilor Labrie asked have you dealt with bus company? Councilor Goff stated Doug Ellis contracted the bus company. Closer to the crosswalk. Right now obstructing the view. Not a school bus, people don't have to stop when the bus stops. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 37 A proposed Ordinance striking from Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 14 Peloquin Drive, Handicap Parking.
- Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated handicap sign no longer exists, need to remove the ordinance. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 38 A proposed Ordinance striking from Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 82 Peloquin Drive, Handicap Parking.
- Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated handicap sign no longer exists. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 39 A proposed Ordinance striking from Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 104 Peloquin Drive, Handicap Parking.
- Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated same situation handicap sign no longer exists.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Councilor Laflamme stated would like to touch base about this whole situation. Met with Doug Ellis and the housing

authority to check signage. Signs were put up by different people. People were putting up signs on their own, putting apartment numbers on signs. Will give rules to the tenants in the housing places. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 40 Application for a NEW Zone Change from Res A to Res B for +/- 12,778 square feet of property located at 586 Montgomery Street. Parcel ID# 0422-0009A for the purpose of convert to 2 family. Applicant: Valerie Duprey and Ronald Sagan, 586 Montgomery Street, Chicopee, MA.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning and Planning Board. Councilor Balakier stated will take up in committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Labrie out of chair. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 41 Application for a NEW Special Permit under Section 275-67 of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of a Special Permit with the Chicopee City Council is being requested due to the fact that the subject parcel is located entirely within the Mill Conversion and Commercial Center Overlay District. The proposed residential development is allowed by Special Permit with the City Council with waiver request. Location of Property: 105 East Street. Map & Parcel ID: 0149-00007. Applied for by: PREM, LLC c/o Mr. Dennis Patel, 36 Yarmouth Drive, Agawam, MA 01001.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning and Mill Conversion Overlay District Committees. Councilor Balakier stated will take up in committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Labrie out of chair. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 42 Hawker and Peddlers License Renewal to sell various items at 14 Spruce Street (Wisniowski Park) on Thursdays from 1-6 PM. Applicant: Chicopee Chamber of Commerce, c/o Melissa Breor, 48 Center Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and granted with existing restrictions. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 43-47 2024 Home Occupation Renewals

	Ashley Cox	267 Chicopee Street, Apt. 8
	Marissa Lalchandani	413 East Main Street
Elke's Baked Goods	Kim Bosshart-Cote	62 Pine Street
Jane's Boutique	Jane Gwozdzik	105 Tolpa Circle
	Janina Mijal	79-81 Towne Street

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and granted with existing restrictions. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

48-56 2024 Junk Dealer's License Renewals

Polgold Jewelers	Waclaw Plewa	63 Cabot Street
Rodriguez Wood Projects and More	Sammy Rodriguez	922 Chicopee Street
Rubidia's Sew & Consignment Shop	Rubidia Lopez	131 Church Street
AJ's Gaming	Anthony J. Montefusco	196 East Street
Daniel J. Cloutier	Daniel J. Cloutier	207/209 Meadow St.
George Hannoush Jewelers of MA	Abdallah Hannoush	704 Memorial Drive
Prestige Dance & Sports Consignment	Tina Perreault	720 Memorial Drive
Hollister Jewelry & Coins	Archie Moe	1260 Memorial Drive
Willimansett Waste Co.	Bruce Tolpa	239 Narragansett Blvd

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and granted with existing restrictions.
Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

57 2024 Junk Collector's License Renewal

Kanes Scrap Metal & Iron	Patrick Kane	184 East Meadow Street
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--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and granted with existing restrictions.
Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

58 2024 Bowling Alley License Renewal

AMF Lanes	Megan Haas	291 Burnett Road
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--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and granted with existing restrictions. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

Adjournment: --Motion made by Councilor Balakier to adjourn at 8:36. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

ATTEST:



Keith W. Rattell, City Clerk

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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday May 21, 2024, at 7:15 pm in the Auditorium are as follows:

CITY COUNCIL
CHICOPEE MA

Laflamme, Frank N., President	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Wagner, Timothy Joseph	At-Large Councilor	Present left at 8:09
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Absent
Arriaga, Abigail	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present via Zoom
Goff, Susan M.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Shumsky, Samuel Robert	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input—Lisa Bienvenue, 34 Everett Street, as a council what do you question on, what do you try to achieve. Seems to be a challenge when someone wants change. Think of it like the ostrich effect, sticking your head in the sand. The old way is no longer the way to do it. School Committee sees the old way of doing it isn't cutting it anymore. Not the fault of anyone but we need a solution. Majority votes no if someone wants change. Can't do that anymore. Al Kendal, 40 Meadow Street, multifunctional lately, encourage people to be considerate of each other. COD is working hard. Communicative mode/educational mode. Want to make it better. Thanks to the police chief for his hospitality in the substations. Chair of the Registrar of Voters, welcome Katherine to help us. Make our job easier. Thank Barbara, working short staffed, working hard. Tom Kerner, 55 Empire Street, #13, community police are accessible, very helpful. Episode with an elderly neighbor, officers brought a confused neighbor home, now they come by to check on her. Health department the only person you ever get to talk to live is Frank Boron. Other people in the office could reply with a message, that would be helpful. Have a traffic problem. Two exits, need a no parking sign. Restrict parking across the street. When people are parked there restricts the street to one lane. 86 Empire is where they would like to see parking restricted. Vacant sign, enter at your own risk. Mary Beth Costello, 66 Voss Avenue, have the opportunity to attend the School Committee meeting on the 15th. Dialogue from the meeting, replay, teachers and staff are concerned for their safety. Mr. Pise was an excellent member of the school committee. He was always concerned with the safety of the staff. Have to look at a solution. Sue Nimchick, 362 James Street, scoring notebook. Not whether you will be reelected or not. Nodding dog in the back of the car, bring things up to be discussed, you are champions. Have to know about things like the two million at the golf course. Chicopee is the crossroads of New England. No one took it up to have a comprehensive truck route. Use state roads

other than residential streets. All these things because they can. No mayor should be looking at a 4-year term. Be accountable. Rushed through, pushed through at subcommittee and everything.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to close public input. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

Communications--none

Minutes --Motion made by Councilor Shumsky the minutes be approved for the 5/7/24 Briefing and the 5/7/24 City Council Meeting. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-1 Mayor's appropriation of Sixty Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$60,000.00) to the following named account: Central Maintenance Special Account for Repairs to Vehicles from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Arriaga to receive and pass. Councilor Arriaga stated to repair sanitation vehicles. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated sanitation department does a great job. Lot of compliments. Money worth spending. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-2 Mayor's appropriation of Twenty six thousand seven hundred eighty four and 76/100 dollars (\$26,784.76) to the following named account: Human Resources Special Account for Indemnifications of Police & Fire from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and pass. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated for the indemnification of police and fire. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-3 Mayor's appropriation of Five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$5,000.00) to the following named account: Fire Special Account for Ambulance Billing from available funds in the Fire Salary Account for Firefighter 1st Year.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass. Councilor Krampits stated third party that does the billing. Pay for the service money comes back to the general fund. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-4 Ordered that the City Council accept the additional grant award of Fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration's (DER), Department of Fish and Game for the Abbey Brook Revitalization Project to support Phase 1 construction activities. This additional award brings the new total award to Two million two hundred forty thousand and 00/100 dollars (2,240,000.00). Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive and pass. Councilor Wagner stated continue working on Bemis Pond, state has been very generous. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-5 Ordered that the City Council accept the Clean City Initiative Grant in the amount of Five thousand two hundred seventy three and 45/100 dollars (\$5,273.45) from the Home Depot Foundation to the City of Chicopee. Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Councilor Roy stated materials and supplies for the clean city initiative. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated did speak with Chloe Soto. Will be going out and cleaning specific areas. Great start toward moving forward. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Brooks out of chair. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-6 Ordered that the City Council accept the State Bulletproof Vest Program Grant in the amount of Five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$5,000.00) from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Office of Grants and Research to the Chicopee Police Department. Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, pass and the grant accepted. Councilor Labrie stated pays for half the cost of the replacement vests for officers. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-7 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Katherine Ferriter, 45 McCarthy Avenue, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Board of Registrars of Voters to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of April, 2028. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*New-Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Human Resources Committee. Councilor Balakier stated new appointment for Registrars, will help the Board of Registrars. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-8 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Kelly Marie Reid, 15 Kaveney Street, Chicopee, MA 01020 as a member of the Mobile Home Rent Control Board to serve until the 1st of May, 2026. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*Re Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive and pass. Councilor Shumsky stated reappointment, tough board, appreciate the time served. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-9 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day re-appointed Kurt Pressey, 203 Granby Road Apt. 38, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Mobile Home Rent Control Board to serve until the 1st of May, 2026. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*Re Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, pass and the appointment confirmed. Councilor Courchesne stated most difficult board, whole hearted support. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-10 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Thomas J. Tetrault, 178 Prospect Street, Chicopee, MA 01013 as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to serve until the 1st of May, 2029. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*Re Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and pass. Councilor Goff stated reappointment, difficult committee. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to nominate Councilor Balakier president protempore. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-11 Ordered that the City Council accept the donations in the amount of Seven thousand five hundred seventy one and 50/100 dollars (\$7,571.50) to the Chicopee Council on Aging for senior meals for the month of April, 2024. Said donations are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass with a 2nd by Councilor Balakier. Councilor Brooks stated self-explanatory. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

12 An unfavorable Committee of the Whole report: Be it Ordered that the City Council and City of Chicopee adopt Chapter 329 of the Acts of 1987, An Act Increasing Local Control Over the Annual School Budget.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive and placed on file. Councilor Wagner stated discussion to accept Chapter 329, appropriate money to the school committee. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

- 13 A favorable Utilities Committee report: Petition from Eversource Gas of Massachusetts that it be granted a location and permission to install and maintain 2,010' of 2" and 4" PHMP gas main on the McArthur Terrace property with such laterals and service connections as it may now or subsequently find necessary.

Said gas main will be installed in accordance with the plans enclosed.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and approved. Councilor Goff stated for a gas main on MacArthur Terrace, privately owned. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

- 14 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Add to Chapter 32, Article I §3

The City Auditor shall furnish the City Council with a monthly budget report of Expenditures and Revenues prior to its first regular meeting of any month.

The amended Chapter 32, Article I §3 will read:

The City Auditor shall act as the Clerk of the Committee on Finance and of the Committee on Claims and Accounts. It shall be his duty to carefully examine all claims which may be presented against the City, see that the same are correctly cased, that the amounts charged are proper and in accordance with the contract under which the charges were made and that the same are legal. If he finds the claims correct, he shall approve the same in writing and submit them to the Mayor, who may order payment thereof. If he shall disapprove any claim, he shall return it to the officer, board or committee from whom it came for revision, and if it is not corrected and he still disapproves of it, he shall refer it to the Committee on Claims and Accounts, with his objections thereto. He shall examine the accounts of the City Collector and of all other persons, committees and boards who may be charged with the collection or disbursement of the funds of the City, and for this purpose shall have access to all the books and vouchers which relate to said accounts. At the close of the financial year, he shall prepare a detailed report of the finances of the year and of all accounts examined by him and submit the same to the Committee on Finance. The City Auditor is to provide a report listing general funds receipts and revolving funds for each department for all budget hearings. The City Auditor shall furnish the City Council with a monthly budget report of Expenditures and Revenues prior to its first regular meeting of any month.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and placed on file. Councilor Krampits stated for review, discussion with the city auditor, some things in there are out of date. Decided to place on file/maker of the motion could work with law and the auditor for a new order or further review. Councilor Wagner will be refiling in the best interest of the city council to have these reports. Important for financial health. Want some looked at. Will go back, submit with other changes. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

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A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Chapter 280

280-1. Definitions.

The following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

DIRECTOR

The Director of the Health Department or their designee.

ASTM D6400

The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International Standard Specification for Compostable Plastics.

ASTM D7081

ASTM International Standard Specification for Biodegradable Plastics in the Marine Environment.

CHECKOUT BAG

A carryout bag provided by a store to a customer at the point of sale. Checkout bags shall not include:

- A. Bags, whether plastic or not, in which loose produce or products are placed by the consumer or manufacturer to deliver such items to the point of sale or checkout area of the store; or
- B. Laundry or dry-cleaner bags; or
- C. Newspaper bags; or
- D. Bags to contain or wrap produce, frozen foods, meat or fish, whether prepackaged or not, to prevent or contain moisture.
- E. A nonplastic bag without handles in which prepared food is placed.

- F. A bag provided by a pharmacy to a customer purchasing a prescription medication.

DEPARTMENT

The City's Health Department.

MARINE-DEGRADABLE PLASTIC BAG

A plastic bag that conforms to the current ASTM D7081 standard specification for marine degradability; and conforms to any other standards deemed acceptable by the Department, provided additional Department-approved standards are as stringent as ASTM D7081.

RECYCLEABLE PAPER BAG

A paper bag that is:

- A. 100% recyclable, including the handles;
- B. Contains at least 40% post-consumer recycled paper content; and
- C. Displays the words "recyclable" in a visible manner on the outside of the bag.

RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT

Any retail space located in the City including, without limitation, a restaurant, food or ice cream truck, convenience store, retail pharmacy, or supermarket.

REUSABLE CHECKOUT BAG

A sewn bag with stitched handles that:

- A. Can carry 25 pounds over a distance of 300 feet;
- B. Either
 - (1) Made of cloth or other machine-washable fabric; or
 - (2) Made of plastic other than polyethylene (HDPE, LDPE, PETE, etc.) or polyvinyl chloride that is durable, nontoxic, and generally considered a food-grade material that is more than four mills thick.

280-2 Requirements.

- A. If any retail establishment as defined in 280-1 provides a checkout bag to customers, the bag shall comply with the requirements of being either a

recyclable paper bag, a compostable and marine-degradable plastic bag, or a reusable checkout bag.

- B. A store that provides any type of checkout bag may provide them for free or at such cost they deem appropriate. All moneys collected pursuant to this chapter shall be retained by the store.
- C. Any charge for a checkout bag shall be separately stated on a receipt provided at the time of sale and shall be identified as the "checkout bag charge" thereon.
- D. The Director may promulgate rules and regulations to implement this section.

280-3. Violations and penalties; enforcement.

- A. Each retail establishment shall comply with this chapter.
 - (1) If it is determined that a violation has occurred, the Director shall issue a warning notice to the retail establishment for the initial violation.
 - (2) If an additional violation of this chapter has occurred within one year after a warning notice has been issued for an initial violation, the Director shall issue a notice of violation and shall impose a penalty against the retail establishment.
 - (3) The penalty for each violation that occurs after the issuance of the warning notice shall be no more than:
 - (a) For the first offense: \$50.
 - (b) For the second offense and all subsequent offenses: \$100. Payment of such fines may be enforced through civic action in the state District Court.
 - (4) No more than one penalty shall be imposed upon a retail establishment within a seven-calendar-day period.
 - (5) A retail establishment shall have 30 calendar days after the date that a notice of violation is issued to pay for the penalty.

- B. The Health Department shall notify all retail and food service establishments, in writing, by mail of the effective date of this chapter by June 30, 2024.

280-4. Effective date.

All of the requirements set forth in this chapter shall take effect October 1, 2024 for retail establishments 50,000 square feet and greater and June 1, 2025, for retail establishments less than 50,000 square feet.

280-5. Severability.

It is the intention of the City Council that each separate provision of this chapter shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein, and it is further the intention of the City Council that if any provision of this chapter be declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this chapter shall remain valid and enforceable.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and postponed to the call of the chair. Councilor Krampits stated to eliminate the use of single use bags. Two different paths with the size of the business. Take up again at ordinance. Thank Councilor Labrie for taking the chair for the meeting. Councilor Shumsky stated thank the committee for taking this up, will clean up the city. Only like 2 or 3 things need to change. Look forward to hearing this again. Motion to postpone passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

- 16 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Striking from Chapter 32, Article I §1-A "six"

And insert in place thereof "four"

The revised Chapter 32, Article I §1-A will read:

The general charge of the financial interest of the City shall be in a standing Committee on Finance, which shall consist of the President of the City Council and four members of the Council appointed by the President. Said Committee shall annually in the months of November and December meet to compile recommendations for the City Council budget for the ensuing municipal year, which recommendations shall be passed upon by the City Council for referral to the Mayor.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated to reduce the size of the Finance Committee so there isn't a quorum

of members. Total of 5 members, not a quorum. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated thank Councilor Wagner for bringing this up. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

- 17 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Repeal Chapter 16, Article VII – Censorship Committee

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated defunct committee censoring magazines and books. Struck from the code. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

- 18 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, 8th Avenue, At the intersection of Ross Avenue, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and the unfavorable report be upheld. Councilor Krampits stated engineering explained this would create a 4 way stop sign Can't use a stop sign to control speed. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated presented by a resident, request engineering did research, should be denied. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

- 19 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Ross Avenue, At the intersection of 8th Avenue, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and the unfavorable report be upheld. Councilor Krampits stated same as previous, engineering deemed can't happen. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

- 20 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance striking from Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 14 Peloquin Drive, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated strike this and the next couple. Discussion with councilor and housing authority. Councilor Goff stated #20, 21, & 22 signs that are no longer needed. People no longer reside where they should be. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

- 21 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance striking from Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 82 Peloquin Drive, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated doesn't belong anymore. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

- 22 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance striking from Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 104 Peloquin Drive, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated sign no longer needed there. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

- 23 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 50 Peloquin Drive, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated to add a sign. Councilor Goff stated engineer and COD agreed to the sign. By removing the previous three signs won't be a problem. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

- 24 A favorable Public Works Committee report: Be it Ordered that the Building Department and Health Department meet with the Public Works Subcommittee to discuss Councilor concerns for problem properties in their respective wards.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and placed on file. Councilor Krampits stated very informative meeting. List of problem properties, in general, most had issues that had been looked into. Some were in court. Most were in process. Follow up with the appropriate department. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated great idea. Problem properties have been an issue for many years hoping we can have a follow-up. People are concerned about problem properties. Councilor Courchesne stated thank everyone that came out. Council used to meet once a month. Was better to have all involved. Councilor Goff stated very informative, nice to bring problem properties out into the open. Thank the building department. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

- 25 Be it Ordered that the City Council under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended, and of any and every power and authority it thereunto enabling under its Charter, hereby accepts Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 56 of the Massachusetts General Laws authorizing the City through its Board of Assessors to grant real and personal property tax abatements to members of the Massachusetts National Guard and to Reservists on active duty in foreign countries for the fiscal year they perform such services subject to eligibility criteria to be established by the Board of Assessors

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Councilor Labrie stated granting the board of assessors the right to grant abatements. Councilor Krampits stated every year we do this. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated thank you for continuing what's been done in the past.

Councilor Laflamme stated assessors brought to our attention. Councilor Balakier stated great idea, done in the past, least we can do. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

- 26 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, 260-81 Speed Limit, Old Field Road, Entire Length, 25 MPH Speed Limit.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated few speed limit signs, have to change the whole street to add more signs. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Wagner & Zygarowski absent.

- 27 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Empire Street, 21' easterly at the entrance of 55 Empire Street, Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated public input, entrance and exit have two signs, exit only has one sign. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Wagner & Zygarowski absent.

- 28 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 202 Meetinghouse Road, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to withdraw. Councilor Goff stated met with the COD, agree the criteria for this area is not met. Motion to withdraw passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Wagner & Zygarowski absent.

- 29 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Winthrop Street, Traveling south at the intersection of New Ludlow Road, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Wagner & Zygarowski absent.

- 30 A proposed ordinance striking from Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Winthrop Street, Traveling north at the intersection of New Ludlow Road, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Wagner & Zygarowski absent.

- 31 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Tourtelotte Avenue, 100' from Chicopee Street on the south side, Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Wagner & Zygarowski absent.

- 32 A proposed ordinance striking from Parking Regulations, Tourtelotte Avenue, South Side-15 min./Any day-from Chicopee Street to a point 100 feet therefrom, Time Limit Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Wagner & Zygarowski absent.

- 33 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Tourtelotte Avenue, South (Even) Side-From Chicopee Street to a point 100 feet westerly thereof, No Parking, Stopping or Standing.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Wagner & Zygarowski absent.

- 34 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Tourtelotte Avenue, North (Odd) Side-From Chicopee Street to a point 40 feet westerly thereof, No Parking, Stopping or Standing.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Wagner & Zygarowski absent.

- 35 An application for a NEW Special Permit under Section 275-51.1 of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of: membrane covered structure storage of a boat. Approx. 22 ft-10 ft. Location of Property: 2 Daniel Drive, Chicopee, MA 01013. Map & Parcel ID: 0197-00049. Applied for by: Duane Mitchell, 2 Daniel Drive, Chicopee, MA 01013.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning, Planning and Building departments. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Councilors Wagner & Zygarowski absent.

Adjournment:--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to adjourn at 8:22. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Wagner & Zygarowski absent.

ATTEST:



Keith W. Rattell, City Clerk

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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday June 4, 2024, at 7:15 pm in the Auditorium are as follows:

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Laflamme, Frank N., President	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Wagner, Timothy Joseph	At-Large Councilor	Present left in person @ 8:46 joined Zoom @9:06
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Arriaga, Abigail	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present
Goff, Susan M.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Shumsky, Samuel Robert	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present via Zoom left @8:10
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input—Lisa Bienvenue, 34 Everett Street, say was pleasantly surprised and kudos to the residents of Ward 6. City won against Pilot Station thank the residents of Ward 6 who rallied the troops. Made a very good argument on what the drawbacks were with Pilot. Meetings were contentious that Pilot had the right to do it /residents do have rights. Not just say they don't want something, don't have to just listen to public/elected officials. Have to work together, thank you for voting for the residents of Ward 6. Mary Beth Costello, 66 Voss Avenue, acknowledged the fact that the weeds on Syrek Street were cut back. Residents of Farmington, Nye & Syrek Streets were happy, hope the resident maintains the property now. Sue Nimchick, 362 James Street, meeting after meeting, what the eyes and ears continue to see and hear. Is the Chicopee a council of the taxpayers/the voter. Number one rush is a push to deliberate & definite little to no input/questions. Team effort. We team. Would vote down what was done. Separates Mayor. Number two 9/27, 10/3, & 11/7 same rush/push Starbucks. Amongst abutters/Zoning Committee upheld. Number three golf course came in Councilor Labrie directed department heads to be involved, notify residents. Daniel Slowik, 32 Cora Avenue, item #11, the zone change. Primarily disgusted with the changes/overlay/can introduce apartments/commercial, don't approve of it. Planning department introduced land owners to the Overlay District. Andrey Girich, 147 Empire Street, same item, zone change. Lot connects to his lot, zone change will lead to a housing project. Looks like problem a problem for him. OK for a single family, not others. Mike Joslyn, 192 Empire Street, been asking the city to oppose the zone change with the overlay, agree it is an eyesore. Engineering firm wants to sell on a multi-family. Zone A all the way on that side of the street. Overlay will take 100 x 100 lot

and drop to 75' to put multi-families in that whole area. Please leave Zone A do not allow overlay to come into play.

Communications--none

Minutes --Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to accept the minutes of the 5/21/24 Mayor's Briefing and the 5/21/24 City Council meeting. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-1 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of Three hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$300.00) from Colleen Bates to the Chicopee Police Department. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks stated to the police department, send thanks to Ms. Bates. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-2 Mayor's appropriation of Ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$10,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Highway Expense Account for Street Signs from available funds in the Highway Salary Account for Highway Maintenance Man.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and pass. Councilor Goff stated thank Liz for making our streets safer. Signs we all have asked for. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated thank Liz and Mayor Vieau to fund an increase in signs. New signs, some have modern technology. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-3 Mayor's appropriation of Two hundred sixty five thousand one hundred thirteen and 44/100 dollars (\$265,113.44) to the following named account: D.P.W. Highway Special Account for Snow & Ice Removal from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and pass. Councilor Courchesne stated will cover last years snow removal. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-4 Mayor's appropriation of Three million and 00/100 dollars (\$3,000,000.00) to the following named account: Reduction of the 2025 Fiscal Year Tax Levy from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive and pass. Councilor Shumsky stated to allocate from Free Cash to lower the tax levy. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated should be beneficial to taxpayer in the long run. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-5 Mayor's appropriation of Two million and 00/100 dollars (\$2,000,000.00) to the following named account: Treasurer's Special Account for OPEB from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and pass. Councilor Balakier stated request from treasurer. Other post employee benefits for retirees. Pension/retirement health insurance. Not mandated but have a practice in place. Strengthens bond rating. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-6 Mayor's appropriation of Three thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$3,000.00) to the following named account: Purchasing Special Account for Central Photocopier from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated paper for purchasing. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-7 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Artise C. Carr, 640 Chicopee Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Commission on Disability to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of June, 2027. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*New Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and refer to the Human Resources Committee. Councilor Labrie stated new appointment, take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-8 Be it ordered that the City Council endorse the "City of Chicopee Comprehensive Plan; Envision Our Chicopee 2040" and the Action Plan for implementation.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Motion amended by Councilor Roy to refer back to the Mayor for a public meeting with Planning. Councilor Roy stated plan was recommended and endorsed by Planning and the Mayor. Councilor Laflamme stated Mayor is the only one that can call a special meeting. Clerk Rattell stated if you send to subcommittee then you will have to come back to the full council. Motion to refer passed by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Courchesne out of chair.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to take a 5 minute recess for problems with Zoom. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Courchesne out of chair.

MO-9 Mayor's appropriation of Two million and 00/100 dollars (\$2,000,000.00) to the following named account: Stabilization Fund for Capital Budgeting from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive and refer to the Finance Committee. Councilor Wagner stated not a small sum of money, want a general idea of what can be

purchased. Councilor Laflamme stated waiting for approval to see what they can prioritize. Councilor Wagner stated we can do what we want. Councilor Brooks stated generally how it is submitted every year. Department heads and financial team then go over it. Motion to refer defeated by a roll call vote of 5 yes, 8 no. Councilors Wagner, Arriaga, Goff, Courchesne, & Pniak-Costello voting yes.
--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 9 yes, 4 no. Councilors Wagner, Arriaga, Goff, & Pniak-Costello voting no.

- 10 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Special Permit application under Chapter 275-58 (C)(4) for the purpose of a liquor license located at 108 West Street. Applicant DingBin Chen, 1 Edward Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the Special Permit approved with conditions. Councilor Balakier stated applicant is looking for a liquor license, approved with condition that the fire department do an inspection. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 11 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Zone Change application from Business A & Residential A to Residential B with Mill Conversion and Commercial Center Overlay for the entirety of property located at 0 Chicopee St. & 445 Chicopee St. (Parcel ID 0442-00091 & 0442-00090) for the purpose of creating one contiguous zoning district by extending the Residential B zoning district to the entirety of both parcels and adding the Mill Conversion and Commercial Center Overlay for the purpose of a proposed residential development. Applicant – Chicopee Property Management, LLC c/o Risa Teall, 112 East St., Granby, MA 01033.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the Zone Change approved. Councilor Balakier stated requested a split zone Bus A & Res A. The old Westover Flowers, property has fallen into disrepair. Like to move something forward here. Had discussion. Zone change has two components Zoning Committee and Planning Board. Recommending body. Single family or duplex's. Second vote will be on the mill conversion. With the Mill conversion, there are other issues that could come from that. Council will have authority. Would need a special permit more control with having that. Based on past consideration go with the neighborhood.

Restrictions/uses, there will be 2 votes here. 1st is for the Zone Change 2nd is for the Mill Conversion. Councilor Labrie stated been a Business A property with Res A down the middle, been vacant for 20 years. Need a Special Permit for Mill Conversion. Safeguards will be put in there. Eyesore, overgrown, for it because will have safeguards in place.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and refer to the Committee of the Whole. Councilor Goff stated area is Res A giving cart blanch to a developer is something that is not good for Willimansett. Zoning ordinances should lessen congestion, gain more tax revenue with single family or duplex than housing. Neighborhood should be built up. Make the area better, going down the tubes quickly. Understand there is a housing crisis, don't need more issues down there. Councilor Wagner stated in favor of Res B restrict to sing/2 family houses. Not in favor of wording of who lives in housing. Live in a 5 unit building. Other dual unit buildings, housing can

only be good for Chicopee. Not necessarily in favor of the Overlay District. Can only live where there is available housing. Councilor Balakier stated interesting comments, split zoned by having Mill Conversion, City Council has lot of say. Based on proposal multi-family dwelling. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated sometimes people get confused about what the overlay district is, seems that's where the breakdown is. Residents want only single-family homes. Councilor Wagner stated Res B is limited to 2, would allow for multi-unit with studios, focus on the arts. Special Permit protection. Councilor Balakier stated talking to planning Res B single family and duplex option would be mill conversion. Extensive vetting process and have to have a special permit, more control. Councilor Krampits stated without the special permit would be the end of any more public hearings. If overlay is defeated no more public hearings. Motion to refer defeated by a roll call vote of 5 yes, 7 no. Councilors Laflamme, Arriaga, Goff, Shumsky, & Pniak-Costello voting yes. Councilor Courchesne absent. Motion to approve the Zone Change passed by a roll call vote of 10 yes, 2 no. Councilors Laflamme and Goff voting no. Councilor Courchesne absent. --Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and approve the Mill Conversion & Commercial Center Overlay District.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff Overlay portion be referred back to Zoning Committee for Public Input. Councilor Brooks stated delaying the timer on this. Are we exposing ourselves to something? Delaying day one, be mindful of this, entering uncharted waters. Councilor Balakier stated uses can be single family/duplex or multi family. Must be consistent with area usage. Passed by the planning board. Have more control by the City Council. Councilor Goff stated not enough information out there. Lot of education needs to be shared at the meeting. Councilor Balakier stated planning department had a meeting, voted in favor. Planning director was unavailable for the Zoning meeting. Protection for the city having this pass.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Courchesne absent. Councilor Laflamme stated if this gets denied tonight is there an effect on them going forward? What does this do to the first decision? Councilor Balakier asked can we table this and bring the first part back? Is that possible? Councilor Brooks stated fundamental question if the overlay goes back to committee does it effect the first positive motion. Delay the clock on the Zone Change? Adversely impact the applicant? Counselor Riley stated don't think the 2nd component affects the 1st. Councilor Brooks stated but it's all on one order. Compartmentalized, one succinct order, still one order on the agenda. Counselor Riley stated pass or not, Zone Change passed, rejected the overlay. Don't believe it would. Councilor Laflamme stated if you read what it says with the Mill Conversion. Councilor Brooks stated while they are two separate orders the overlay district was in play. Councilor Roy asked what would we accomplish by sending to Zoning? Councilor Goff stated lot of information was missing. Councilor Roy stated have to apply to council for a Special Permit. Councilor Balakier stated point of information, planning had a meeting and voted on this. Read the report from the 5/3 meeting into the record. Voted in favor of this. Councilor Krampits stated sticky situation, since we passed the first part. Could we go back and vote on the Zone Change to table and vote to send back to committee? Councilor Pniak-Costello stated agree with Councilor Goff, the residents should be heard. Close vote of the planning board, Mill Conversion can be controversial. Planning director is an expert at the Mill Conversion, have another public meeting so the residents can be heard. Councilor Brooks stated procedural question, rehear and table #1, Zone Change? Councilor Roy stated this feels like a

bouncing ball, if you don't get it right, send back to committee. Councilor Wagner stated holding up by sending back to committee. Convolved and confusing. People not understanding Zoning in the first place. All we wanted was some housing. Thought it was going to be a housing complex. Council can never get anything accomplished. Motion to refer overlay portion back to Zoning committee passed by a roll call vote of 8 yes, 4 no. Councilors Roy, Wagner, Brooks, and Balakier voting no. Councilor Courchesne absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to reconsider the Zone Change. Motion defeated by a roll call vote of 6 yes, 6 no. Councilors Laflamme, Arriaga, Goff, Krampits, Shumsky, & Pniak-Costello voting yes. Councilor Courchesne absent.

**Special note – 6/4/24 Zone Change passed while Mill Conversion and Commercial Center Overlay portion sent back to Zoning Committee for further review.

- 12 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Zone Change application from Residential A to Residential B for +/- 13,620 SF of property located at 0 Montgomery Street (Parcel ID 0230-00033) for the purpose of constructing a duplex. Applicant Erik Govoni, 94 Montgomery Street, Chicopee, MA 01020.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the Zone Change approved. Councilor Balakier stated Res A to Res B constructing a duplex. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 10 yes, 2 out of chair. Councilors Wagner and Brooks out of chair. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 13 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby amended as follows:

Add Chapter 275-73 James Street

No further business, commercial or industrial development shall occur on James Street from the intersection of James Street and Memorial Drive to the beginning of Syrek Street and any appurtenant Street for a period one year commencing February 1, 2024 and terminating February 1, 2025 except by special permit.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and withdraw. Councilor Balakier stated interesting comments. Planning had negative recommendation on this. Previous meeting didn't know whether the applicant could come in. Decided to withdraw the proposal, she will abstain. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 9 yes, 1 abstained. Councilors Wagner & Labrie out of chair. Councilor Pniak-Costello abstained. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 14 Be it ordered that the rules and orders of the City Council meetings shall be amended as follows:

Delete

Regular meetings of the City Council shall be held on the first and third Tuesday evening of each month, except for the months of July and August, when a single regular meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday of such months. All meetings shall convene at 7:15 P.M., followed by the

Pledge of Allegiance. If any such regular meeting shall fall on a legal holiday, or elections such meeting shall be held on the succeeding Thursday evening.

And insert in place thereof

Regular meetings of the City Council shall be held on the first and third Tuesday evening of each month, except for the months of July and August, when a single regular meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday of such months. All meetings shall convene at 6:30 P.M., followed by the pledge of Allegiance. If any such regular meeting shall fall on a legal holiday, or elections such meeting shall be held on the succeeding Thursday evening.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated met with the lawyers to get the meeting to start at 6:30. Mayor's briefing in there also.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 10 yes, 1 out of chair, 1 abstained. Councilor Wagner out of chair. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Courchesne absent. Councilor Laflamme stated working on the Mayor's briefing vs City Council meeting. Combine one meeting, one agenda. All combined in one. Public input headed that way, will take effect for August. Started several mayors ago, would meet in the mayors office. Open meeting law now have to be very cautious. 6:30 move the meeting forward. Councilor Zygarowski stated support this wholeheartedly.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to allow Clerk Rattell to speak. Clerk Rattell stated repeat everything the president said. Make more efficient. Open meeting law should be one meeting not two. Was in the mayors office, open door meeting. Press was invited. No open meeting laws at that time, was a courtesy and convenience. Don't have to all go to committee. If something has more questions can still be sent to committee. Meetings will now be at 6:30. Councilor Krampits stated having it this way continues transparency. Public in the office and states why he wants support on these items. Can always send to committee. Helps with transparency. Councilor Labrie stated when would the public input be? Before the meeting? Councilor Arriaga stated public input right after the pledge to the flag. Taking public input 45 minutes earlier. Meeting starts 45 minutes earlier. Councilor Pniak-Costello asked is it possible to do the briefing then public input? Can comment on what the Mayor says. One meeting agenda will be nice, concerned about public input. Councilor Laflamme stated trying to avoid open meeting law offenses not something we have to do. Want to be transparent. Talked to the Mayor about what he is bringing, re-appointments don't have to talk about. Up to the council you have the right to ask questions. Do your homework, get agenda on Friday afternoon, can call the Mayor right up to the meeting time. Councilor Arriaga stated changing our time is concerning. Don't want to confuse the public about the time changing. Councilor Laflamme stated leaving at 6:30 for now. Councilor Labrie stated going to reduce paperwork in half. Two meetings, double paperwork, paper reduction act. One order earlier was for \$3,000 for paper, educate the public, tell them we're changing the schedule. Councilor Shumsky stated Vision 2040, sheet increase communication. Put in the Herald that the meeting time will change. For example, great way to put on social media, ways to let the residents know, Ch 191 Chicopee TV.

Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 no. Councilor Arriaga voting no. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 15 Be it ordered that a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to making the Charter of the City of Chicopee gender neutral to be filed in the General Court with an attested copy of this order, be and hereby is, approved under clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, so that the attached legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

An Act relative to making the Charter of the City of Chicopee gender neutral.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. The Charter of the City of Chicopee shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with a gender-neutral version, which is attached.

Section 2. So much of the charter of said City and of the amendments thereto as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and refer to the Rules Committee. Councilor Laflamme stated been working on this. Came out of the charter review committee. Representative Arriaga helped through the state format. Clean up, put the way we want. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 16 Be it ordered that a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the recall of any holder of elective office in the City of Chicopee to be filed in the General Court with an attested copy of this order, be and hereby is, approved under Clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, so that the attached Legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

An act relative to the recall of any holder of elective office in the City of Chicopee.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Any holder of an elective city office in the City of Chicopee may be recalled from office for any reason by the registered voters of the city as provided in this act.

An initial recall affidavit signed by at least 500 registered voters of the city containing the voters' names and addresses may be filed with the City Clerk. The initial recall affidavit shall contain the name of the officer sought to be recalled, the office sought to be recalled and a statement of the

grounds for recall. The City Clerk shall immediately forward the recall affidavit to the Registrar of Voters for verification of signatures,

The Registrar of Voters shall verify the signatures on the initial recall affidavit within 14 calendar days of receipt of the initial recall affidavit. If the initial recall affidavit is found to contain a sufficient number of verified signatures, the City Clerk shall deliver to the first 10 registered voters who signed the affidavit a formal numbered and printed recall petition sheet with the City Clerk's official seal and addressed to the City Council demanding the recall and the election of a successor to the office.

The 10 registered voters of the city to whom the City Clerk delivered recall petition sheets shall have 30 days from the date of delivery of the recall petition sheets in which to file their signed recall petition sheets with the City Clerk.

To proceed with the recall election, the City Clerk shall receive within 30 days from the date of delivery of the recall petition sheets, the required number of signed recall petition sheets containing the signatures, names and street addresses of at least 25 percent of the registered voters of the City as of the date the signed recall petition sheets are delivered to the City Clerk.

Within 5 working days of receipt of the recall petition sheets, the City Clerk shall submit the recall petition sheets to the Registrar of Voters and the Registrar of Voters shall verify the number of signatures which are names of registered voters of the City.

If the total recall petition sheets shall be found and certified by the Registrar of Voters to be sufficient, the certified petition shall be submitted with the certificate of the City Clerk to the City Council without delay. The City Council shall give written notice of the receipt of the certified petition to the officer sought to be recalled. If the officer does not resign within 5 calendar days of the date notice, then the City Council shall promptly order an election to be held on a date fixed by them not more than 90 days after receipt of the certified petition.

If any other city election is scheduled to occur within 100 days after the date of receipt of the certified petition, the City Council may postpone the holding of the recall election to the date of the other election and may include the question of recall on the ballot for that other election. If a vacancy occurs in the office after a recall election has been ordered, the election shall nevertheless proceed as provided in this act.

An officer sought to be recalled may be a candidate to succeed the officer in an election to be held to fill the vacancy. Unless the officer requests otherwise in writing, the City Clerk shall place the officer's name on the ballot without nomination. The nomination of other candidates, the publication of the warrant for the recall election and the conduct of the nomination and publication, shall all be in accordance with the law relating to elections, unless otherwise provided in this act.

Recall of One or more Office Holders: The question of recalling any number of officers may be submitted at the same election. For each officer whose recall is sought there shall be a separate ballot. The nomination of candidates to succeed an officer whose recall is sought, the publication of the warrant for said recall election, and the conduct of such election, shall all be in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws.

The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of the office until the recall election. If the incumbent is not recalled, the incumbent shall continue in office for the remainder of the unexpired term. If not re-elected in the recall election, the incumbent shall be considered removed from office immediately and the office vacant.

Any elected official that is indicted for a crime punishable by imprisonment, shall be placed on paid administrative leave until the resolution of the case. If said elected official is convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment, they shall be terminated per Chapter 435 of the Acts of 2014. The City Council shall determine by majority vote who shall fill the temporary vacancy imposed by the paid administrative leave.

An initial recall affidavit shall not be filed against an officer within 6 months after the officer takes office or within the last 6 months of the term. In the case of an officer subjected to a recall election and not recalled, a new recall affidavit shall not be filed against that officer until at least 3 months have elapsed after the election at which the previous recall was submitted to the voters of the City.

Recall Election Ballots

Ballots used in a recall election shall submit the following propositions in the order indicated:

For the recall of (name of officer)

Against the recall of (name of officer)

Immediately to the right of each proposition there shall be a square in which the voter, by making a cross mark (x), may vote for either of such propositions. Under the proposition shall appear the word "Candidates" and the direction "Vote for One" and beneath the names of the candidates nominated as hereinbefore provided.

SECTION 2. So much of the charter of said City and of the amendments thereto as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the qualified voters of the City of Chicopee, present and voting therein at the state election in the current year and shall be known as Article VIII Section 66 of the Charter of the City of Chicopee.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and refer to the Rules Committee.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Courchesne absent. Councilor Laflamme stated another one from the Charter Review Committee, Rep. Arriaga helped. Will take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 17 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 202 Meetinghouse Road, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 18 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Speed Limit, New Ludlow Road, From the intersection of New Ludlow Road and Memorial Drive travelling east to the South Hadley line, 25 MPH – Speed Limit.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated take up as discussion. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 19 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Telegraph Avenue, Traveling north at the intersection of Prospect Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 20 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Telegraph Avenue, Traveling south at the intersection of Prospect Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

- 21 A renewal of a Poppy Permit, to be held by: VFW 625, at: various locations: for the dates of May 25, 2024 and November 2024. Applicant: Michael R. Brunetti, 24 Kelly Road, Chicopee, MA 01022.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted with current restrictions. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

Game Stop

Edward Vasquez

649 Memorial Drive

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted with current restrictions. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

Adjournment:--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to adjourn at 9:28. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith W. Rattell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Keith W. Rattell, City Clerk

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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday June 18, 2024, at 7:15 pm in the Auditorium are as follows:

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Laflamme, Frank N., President	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Wagner, Timothy Joseph	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Arriaga, Abigail	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present via Zoom
Goff, Susan M.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Shumsky, Samuel Robert	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input—Lisa Bienvenue, 34 Everett Street, the council bandies around the term transparency to make the people believe them. Kudos to Councilor Wagner for making a motion to refer the \$2 million to committee. Some members said this is the way we've always done it with no explanation. Having the fox guard the hen house. Is the government encouraging the city by controversy, fear, whenever anyone dares to ask for discussion, updates, plans, no matter how many times they say it this is not transparency. Transparency is not the goal. Meetings are scheduled for the last week of June. How much will you scrutinize the budget if there is not time. Sue Nimchick, 362 James Street, quoted a retired judge. Eyes and ears, seeing and hearing, meeting after meeting. Lisa always said things are rushed. I say pushed. Councilor Laflamme wants to move public input before the Mayors Briefing. Done research and homework can get selective views with pointed questions. Separating accountability of the Mayor. Vote for you, Your vote belongs to us. Push for budget. \$2 million also at the golf course. Not time/no discussion, countdown 3-2-1.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to close public input. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Communications--none

Minutes --Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to accept the minutes of the 6/4/24 Mayor's Briefing and 6/4/24 City Council Meetings. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-1 Mayor's appropriation of Five million four hundred fifty one thousand three hundred forty four and 90/100 dollars (\$5,451,344.90) to the following named account: Stabilization Fund from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Arriaga to receive and pass. Councilor Arriaga stated transfer from free cash. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-2 Mayor's appropriation of Two million two hundred ninety five thousand six hundred ninety five and 84/100 dollars (\$2,295,695.84) to the following named account: Stabilization for Educational Purposes from available funds in the following named accounts:

School Prior Year Expenses	\$ 232,854.78
School Prior Year Salaries	<u>2,062,841.06</u>
Total	\$2,295,695.84

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and pass. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated Dr. Ware was here to explain the intent of the request. Prior year to education stabilization fund. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-3 Mayor's appropriation of Seventy five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$75,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Wastewater Expense Account for Chemicals from available funds in the D.P.W. Wastewater Bond Account for MCWT Solids Handling.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass. Councilor Krampits stated transfer within the department, cover the cost of chemicals which have gone up. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-4 Mayor's appropriation of Fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$50,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Wastewater Expense Account for Insurance Other from available funds in the D.P.W. Wastewater Bond Account for MCWT Solids Handling.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive and pass. Councilor Wagner stated transfer to cover workers comp account. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-5 Mayor's appropriation of Forty thousand one hundred forty two and 36/100 dollars (\$40,142.36) to the following named account: Reserve for School Special Custodians from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Councilor Roy stated Sprint funds to cover maintenance summer program. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated fantastic program. One student became interested in farming. Great teaching experience. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-6 Mayor's appropriation of Thirty nine thousand one hundred fourteen and 13/100 dollars (\$39,114.13) to the following named account: D.P.W. Parks Special Account for Parks Improvements from available funds in the D.P.W. Parks Salary Account for M.E.O./Laborer.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Councilor Labrie stated transfer within the budget. Equipment for the parks. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated thank the Parks Department and what they are proposing here. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-7 Ordered that the City Council accept the Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) Grant in the amount of Eight thousand five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$8,500.00) to the Chicopee Fire Department. Said grant will be used for fire and life safety education and it is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive, pass and the grant accepted. Councilor Zygarowski stated grant they get every year. Well received. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-8 Ordered that the City Council accept the Senior Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) Grant in the amount of Two thousand nine hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$2,900.00) to the Chicopee Fire Department. Said grant will be used for fire and life safety education and it is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive, pass and the grant accepted. Councilor Balakier stated this is the second part of the grant. The first part was student awareness, this part is senior awareness. Fire education. Training at the senior center and other facilities/very important, in favor, great idea. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated great the Fire Department will educate students and seniors, grant has been ongoing since 1994. Install smoke detectors, next thing is to get house numbers on all homes. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-9 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of One hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$100.00) to the Chicopee Fire Department. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive and pass. Councilor Shumsky stated donation to Fire Department. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-10 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Wilhelmina Humphries, 19A Brodeur St, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Commission on Disability to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of June 2027. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*New-Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and refer to the Human Resources Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated know her, she's very dedicated. Esteemed Council on Disability. Think she is on other commissions. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-11 Ordered that the City Council accept the donations in the amount of Five thousand three hundred thirty nine and 00/100 dollars (\$5,339.00) to the Chicopee Council on Aging for Senior Meals for the month of May, 2024. Said donations are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and pass with a 2nd by Councilor Zygarowski. Councilor Goff stated senior meals, happens monthly. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained.

- 12 A favorable Human Resources Committee report: Mayoral appointment of Katherine Ferriter as a member of the Board of Registrars of Voters to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of April, 2028.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Councilor Labrie stated interview went very well. Eager to help out. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 13 A favorable Human Resources Committee report: Be it Ordered that the Human Resources Committee meet to discuss potential participation in the Commonwealth's Paid Family Medical Leave (PFML) program, and that the Chief Human Resources Officer be asked to attend.

A brief overview may be found here:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/paid-family-and-medical-leave-pfml-overview-and-benefits>

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and placed on file. Councilor Labrie stated chief HR officer spoke. Did not recommend participation at this time. Must use own time, up to 12 weeks after an event. Had 30 emails from surrounding communities. No one in Western Mass participates in this. Hurting for staff as it is. Councilor Arriaga stated the HR director explained, benefit wise city employees get more time off. Have to hold to get the time. People get denied, beneficial wise, more benefit through the city. Have more time off/pay. Have to pay into the program. Councilor Courchesne stated do you know where the emails came from? Work participates. Councilor Labrie stated other municipalities. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated appreciate the fact amount of research great discussion. Public review of this. Doesn't fit for municipalities, would it do more harm than good. Was told yes. Councilor Wagner stated thank the Human Resources Committee for looking into it. Price of information given past experience. Good to explore. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

The City Council of the City of Chicopee Resolves:

Whereas, the City of Chicopee recognizes the rich cultural diversity within its community, including the significant contributions of the French Canadian population; and

Whereas, St. Jean Baptist Day, celebrated annually on June 24th, is a national holiday in Quebec and an important cultural festival for French Canadians commemorating the nativity of St. John the Baptist; and

Whereas, raising the French-Canadian flag at Chicopee City Hall on St. Jean Baptist Day would serve as a visible symbol of respect and inclusion for this vibrant heritage represented in our city; and

Whereas, this meaningful gesture promotes cultural awareness, fosters community pride, and strengthens the bonds between Chicopee's diverse residents;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that our City properly recognize and honor the French-Canadian community during their significant cultural celebration, and that the Chicopee City Council hereby approves the raising of the French-Canadian flag at Chicopee City Hall on June 24th in observation of St. Jean Baptist Day; and

Be it further resolved that the City Council encourages all Chicopee residents to join in celebrating this important cultural tradition and the invaluable contributions of our French-Canadian community members.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive and approved this evening. Councilor Shumsky stated person was not able to be here for the flag raising. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 15 Be it Ordered that the Rules and Orders of the City Council meetings shall be amended as follows:

Delete

11. No order, ordinance, resolution, petition, or communication, shall be acted upon unless the same shall have been in the hands of the Administrative Assistant to the City Council. Petitions must be submitted to the Administrative Assistant to the City Council no later than 2:15 PM on the Thursday prior to the meeting of the City Council. (Sunset clause – until December 2012).

And insert in place thereof

11. No order, ordinance, resolution, petition, or communication shall be acted upon unless the same shall have been in the hands of the Administrative Assistant or the Clerk of the City Council.

Petitions must be submitted to the Administrative Assistant or the Clerk of the City Council no later than 2:15 PM on the Thursday prior to the meeting of the City Council.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Motion amended by Councilor Labrie to refer to the Rules Committee.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Laflamme stated numbers 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, & 20 are all the same, Agnes is working to do some wording and remove some stuff. Adds a person to help. Councilor Wagner stated in the Charter the City Clerk is the clerk to the City Council. Councilor Courchesne stated take up in Rules Committee, could say clerk in the Councilors Office. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 16 Be it ordered that the rules and orders of the City Council meetings shall be amended as follows:

Delete

11b. All orders, etc, shall be prepared on standard forms to be prepared by the Administrative Assistant as directed by a member of the City Council, and shall be delivered to the City Clerk.

An insert in place thereof

11b. All orders, etc, shall be prepared on standard forms to be prepared by the Administrative Assistant or Clerk of the City Council as directed by a member of the City Council, and shall be delivered to the City Clerk.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and refer to the Rules Committee. Councilor Labrie stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 17 Be it Ordered that the rules and orders of the City Council meetings shall be amended as follows:

Delete

11c. Any order, ordinance, resolution, or petition, or communication, submitted to the City Clerk after 3:00 PM on the Thursday prior to the regular meeting of the City Council shall be deemed to be late file order. (Sunset Clause – Until December 2013).

And insert in place thereof

11c. Late File Orders, i.e. any order, ordinance, resolution, or petition, or communication, submitted to the City Clerk after 3:00 PM on the Thursday prior to the regular meeting of the City Council, will only be accepted if they are deemed an emergency order, ordinance, resolution or petition, or communication.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and refer to the Rules Committee. Councilor Labrie stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 18 Be it Ordered that the rules and orders of the City Council meetings shall be amended as follows:

Delete

31. Every application for a license, the granting of which is vested in the City Council, shall be referred to the committee on licenses, whose duty shall be to investigate the same and make a report thereon at the next meeting.

And insert in place thereof

31. Every application for a license, the granting of which is vested in the City Council, shall be referred to the committee on licenses, whose duty shall be investigate the same and make a report thereon.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and refer to the Rules Committee. Councilor Labrie stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 19 Be it Ordered that the rules and orders of the City Council meetings shall be amended as follows:

Delete

32. No orders or ordinances, the effect of which would be to increase the salary of any office of the city, shall be introduced into the Council subsequent to the regular meeting in September.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and refer to the Rules Committee. Councilor Labrie stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a call vote of 10 yes, 3 no. Councilors Wagner, Arriaga, and Pniak-Costello voting no.

- 20 Be it Ordered that the rules and orders of the City Council meetings shall be amended as follows:

Delete

35. The Administrative Assistant shall keep the records of such committees as may require the service; and on the appointment of every standing committee the Administrative Assistant shall see that a book of records is provided for the Committee. The Administrative Assistant shall be the custodian of all minutes and the records of the several committees shall be open to inspection at any time for the members of the Council.

And insert in place thereof

35. The Administrative Assistant or the Clerk of the City Council shall keep the records of such committees as may require that service; and on the appointment of every standing committee the Administrative Assistant or the Clerk of the City Council shall see that a book of records is provided for the Committee. The Administrative Assistant or the Clerk of the City Council shall be the custodian of all minutes and the records of the several committees shall be open to inspection at any time for the members of the Council

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and refer to the Rules Committee. Councilor Labrie stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 21 Be it Ordered that nominations be open for the Library Board Trustees. Also Theresa Picard be considered for reappointment with any new applicants at the next City Council meeting on July 2, 2024.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and nominations opened for the Library Board of Trustees and refer to the 7/2/24 Council Meeting.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to nominate Theresa Picard. Motion to refer to the 7/2/24 meeting passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Motion to nominate passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 22 Be it Ordered that the Finance Committee meet to discuss and recommend to the Mayor that the position of Economic Development Director be added to the Planning Department.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive and refer to the Finance Committee. Councilor Wagner stated know Chicopee is in dire need of new growth. Statement, City of Chicopee is taking pride in clean vehicles. Ten million dollar bond for the old library with no plan in place. Job description the mayor has is paying \$23 per hour asking for a degree and 2-4 years of experience. Know people that know how to bring economic development. Councilor Goff stated agree \$23 per hour is not the going salary for an Economic Development Director, needs to be looked into further. Take the burden off the taxpayers. Councilor Courchesne stated very first campaign, asked for this. Thought we had this position filled. Glad to see this coming, forward now. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated have this discussion, move this forward. Important piece of the 2040 plan, need it. Need to move forward in regards to economic development. Make highest priority.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Laflamme stated was going to vote not to pass this. Didn't have the opportunity to see the job description. Know the Mayor has been working on this. Believe we should look at the job description. Went through planning and HR, now with the union. Some of us didn't get to see the job description. Get more information. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 23 Be it Ordered that the Committee of the Whole meet for an update on the status of the Health Insurance Payments for people that were not eligible between 2009 to 2022, 2023.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Committee of the Whole.

--Motion amended by Councilor Pniak-Costello to refer to the Human Resources Committee.

Councilor Pniak-Costello stated some people are not fully aware of the health insurance review. Everyone understands what transpired. People were receiving benefits. Make sure everyone is aware of what happened with this issue. Cost the taxpayers money. Councilor Goff stated finally needs to be brought to light one percent of the health premium. What were the numbers, what did we get back. Like to see the final numbers. Not saying anyone did anything wrong. What did we do to resolve this? Last meeting spent two million for retirement insurance. Councilor Balakier stated health benefits premiums paid. Addressed. Paid in error. Most of the loss was recouped. Hired a 2nd benefits coordinator. New online platform. Safeguards have been put in

place to address this. Councilor Zygarowski asked did either of you speak to Human Resources? Councilor Pniak-Costello stated was something that was brought to our attention with private conversations. Health insurance issue. Councilor Courchesne stated posted on Facebook, people want to know. Send to HR Committee. Councilor Wagner stated see points on both sides. Conversation with the HR Director, reworked insurance entirely.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Laflamme stated had a meeting on this already. Encourage all to visit the department heads. They come to the meeting and don't have the answers. Tell them before a meeting what you are looking for. Don't agree with sending stuff to the Committee of the Whole. Will look into that. Councilor Wagner stated without trying to shame anyone, sometimes it is extremely difficult to get anything out of a department head. Email has been entirely ignored. Not looked into, attempts to reach department heads has been unsuccessful. Try to go to the department head, not always a success. Councilor Courchesne stated multiple public meetings to get a response from department heads. Sad to have to have a public meeting to get a department head to respond. Councilor Brooks stated document questions you want answered at a public meeting. Take the department to task for not answering. Great working relationships from department heads. Via email is easy to verify. Were told we couldn't approach department heads because they were being berated by the public. Have to come up with a more colloquial relationship with department heads. Councilor Laflamme stated we should get our answers, is important to have a dialogue of what is wanted at the meeting. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated isn't about personalities. Want the actual numbers that is all. This is about getting specific numbers out to the public. Once a week goes to public works department. The department has reached out, getting off the beaten path. Numbers for this issue. Councilor Roy asked what are we voting on? Answer was to refer to the Human Resources Committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 24 Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Add Chapter 278 Offenses Against Public Peace

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated seven pages attached, short story, response trying to deal with dirt bikes and aggressive panhandling. Tough balance. Owe to residents when they're held captive at a red light. Difficult balance. City in California, get ahead of the game. Take up in Ordinance. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 25 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 33 Tourtelotte Avenue, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 26 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 52 Northern Drive, Handicap Parking.
- Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 27 A proposed Ordinance striking from Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 49 Elm Street, Handicap Parking.
- Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 28 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Woodland Avenue, Traveling north at the intersection of Britton Street, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 29 An application for a NEW Zone Change from Business A to Residence A for 7,560 square feet of property located at 1230 Montgomery Street. Parcel ID# 0583-00013 for the purpose of single family residence. There are no Businesses here. Petitioner Name & Address: Donald J. Ruel, 72 Parenteau Court, Chicopee, MA 01020.
- Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning & Planning Board. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 30 Application for a NEW Special Permit under Section 275-63.1(D) (2) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of a warehouse and manufacturing facility with associated site improvements. Location of Property: A portion of: 0 Robbins Road (Parcel 2B). Map & Parcel ID: 0109-00001. Applicant: Trafa Pharmaceuticals, Inc. c/o Mr. Shahid Habib, 140 Padgette Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.
- Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning, Planning, Building, & Engineering Departments. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 31 Application for a NEW Auto Detail License applied for by The Tint Shop at 455 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA 01020. Applicant: Besel Laden Smaili, 65 Bonnaville Avenue, #1, Chicopee, MA 01013.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Brooks stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Adjournment:--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to adjourn at 8:46. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith W. Rattell", written in a cursive style.

Keith W. Rattell, City Cler

Minutes from the City Council Special Meeting June 27, 2024, at 7:15 p.m. in the Auditorium are as follows:

Laflamme, Frank N., President	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Wagner, Timothy Joseph	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Arriaga, Abigail	Ward 1 Councilor	Present via Zoom @ 7:52
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present via Zoom
Goff, Susan M.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Shumsky, Samuel Robert	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne for a 5 minute recess at 7:33. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Arriaga absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to return to the regular order of business at 7:40. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Arriaga absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to approve the FY25 budget at \$227,129,341.47. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Arriaga absent.

MO-1 Be it ordered that the City Council approve the FY'25 budget for the City of Chicopee as recommended by the Mayor.

MO-2 Be it ordained that Chapter 7 of the ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named accounts and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Law department (group 1)

City solicitor	\$72,333.81
Assistant city solicitor	\$65,368.33
Associate city solicitor (2)	\$65,368.33 (each)
Council – legal counsel	\$65,368.33
Chief of litigation/labor relations	\$68,583.17

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Brooks stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Arriaga absent.

MO-3 Be it ordained that Chapter 7 of the ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named accounts and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Office of the City Council (group 2)

A.	Administrative assistant	\$58,829.40 (grade 6)
B.	Clerk	\$39,919.95 (grade 3)
C.	Pt clerk	\$19,350.01 (grade 4)

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Arriaga absent.

- MO-4 Be it ordained that Chapter 7 of the ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named accounts and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Office of the Mayor (group 2)

A.	Chief of staff	\$76,483.44 (grade 8)
B.	Staff assistant	\$60,656.40 (grade 5)
C.	Special projects manager	\$60,238.80 (grade 5)
D.	Community & constituent liaison	\$45,205.20 (grade 5)

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Arriaga absent.

- MO-5 Be it ordained that Chapter 7 of the ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named accounts and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Auditing department (group 2)

A.	Senior accountant	\$82,016.64 (grade 8)
B.	Budget analyst	\$82,016.64 (grade 8)

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Shumsky stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Arriaga absent.

- MO-6 Be it ordained that Chapter 7 of the ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named accounts and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Office of the treasurer (group 2)

A.	Assistant treasurer	\$76,483.44 (grade 8)
B.	Special projects manager	\$53,745.12 (grade 5)

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Arriaga absent.

MO-7 Be it ordained that Chapter 7 of the ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named accounts and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Law department (group 2)

A. Paralegal (1)	\$67,233.60 (grade 6)
B. Paralegal (1)	\$64,226.88 (grade 6)

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Zygarowski stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Arriaga absent.

MO-8 Be it ordained that Chapter 7 of the ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named accounts and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Human resources (group 2)

A. Assistant director	\$64,373.04 (grade 8)
B. Benefits coordinator (2)	\$64,373.04 (grade 8)
	\$59,291.76 (grade 8)
C. Senior generalist	\$54,350.64 (grade 7)
D. Administrative assistant	\$39,734.64 (grade 4)
E. Generalist	\$48,372.24 (grade 6)
F. Occupational safety manager	\$58,988.16 (grade 8)
G. H.R. Business partner	\$59,716.80 (grade 8)

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Labrie stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Arriaga absent.

MO-9 Be it ordained that Chapter 7 of the ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named accounts and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Office of the City Clerk (group 2)

A. Compliance officer	\$25,826.47 (grade 4)
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--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Roy stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-10 Be it ordained that Chapter 7 of the ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named accounts and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Planning department (group 2)

A. Development manager

\$78,842.88 (grade 8)

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Wagner stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-11 Be it ordained that Chapter 7 of the ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named accounts and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Auditing department (group 3)

A. Assistant auditor stipend

\$ 5,000.00

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Krampits stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-12 Be it ordained that Chapter 7 of the ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named accounts and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Office of the Treasurer (group 3)

A. Assistant Treasurer stipend

\$5,000.00

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-13 Be it ordained that Chapter 7 of the ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named accounts and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Liquor license commission (group 3)

a. Chairman

\$900.00

b. Commissioners

\$800.00 each

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Wagner stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Arriaga out of chair.

- MO-14 Be it ordained that Chapter 7 of the ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named accounts and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Human Resources (group 4)

F. Door clerks

\$15.00 per hour

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Brooks stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Adjournment:--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to adjourn at 7:58. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith W. Rattell', written in a cursive style.

Keith W. Rattell, City Clerk

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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday July 2, 2024, at 7:15 pm in the City Council Chambers are as follows:

Laflamme, Frank N., President	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Absent
Wagner, Timothy Joseph	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Arriaga, Abigail	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Absent
Goff, Susan M.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Shumsky, Samuel Robert	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input –Sue Nimchick, 362 James Street, stated she has a scoring notebook. Fact enables us to act. City Council should seek public input. If you remove the “f” from life, you get lie. See distance and separation of the City Council from public input, rushing, no discussion. For example, the golf course with ongoing weathering, wearing and therefore costs. What does torrential down pours do? What happens to the greens and the costs? Need to be discussing these things.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to close public input. Motion passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

Communications – none

Minutes --Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to accept the minutes of the 6/18/2024 Mayor’s Briefing and the 6/18/2024 City Council Meetings. Motion passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

MO-1 Ordered that the sum of One million four hundred twenty six thousand seven hundred forty five and 79/100 dollars (\$1,426,745.79) be and hereby is appropriated to the attached named Police and Fire Department Salary Accounts in accordance with the agreement between the City of Chicopee and the MassCOPs Local #485 effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027.

Said amount is to be raised in the Fiscal 2025 tax levy.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and pass. Councilor Goff stated this is to renew Police and Fire Department contracts effective 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2027. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated she noticed body and vehicle cameras. If Chicopee decides to purchase, parties agree to negotiate further with no further compensation.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to allow President Laflamme to speak. Motion passed with one abstaining. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent. President Laflamme stated he is glad to see this. We lost many from the City, want to retain them and the hard work they do

everyday. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- MO-2 Mayor's appropriation of Three hundred forty six thousand nine hundred sixty one and 22/100 dollars (\$346,961.22) to the following names accounts:

TV Production Director Salary	\$171,961.22
P.T. Chicopee TV Staff Salary	75,000.00
Chicopee TV Facilities/Equipment	<u>100,000.00</u>
Total:	\$346,961.22

from available funds in the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation PEG Access Cable Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and pass. Councilor Courchesne stated it is a contractual agreement, does not come out of the taxpayer base. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- MO-3 Ordered that the City Council accept the FY2025 Massachusetts Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund Block Grant in the amount of Three hundred forty one thousand one hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$341, 100.00). This grant was awarded to support the Center Streetscapes Phase 2 in the amount of \$182,325.00 for roadway surveying, engineering & design for Center Streetscapes, Valleybike Bikeshare in the amount of \$40, 000.00 for relaunch and operation costs, and for the Police Department in the amount of \$118,775.00 for the purchase and 3 years of service for the Police Axon Virtual Reality Training System. Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive and pass. Councilor Shumsky stated grant for \$341, 100.00 used for Valleybikeshare for \$40,000.00. Also, for a relaunch, the Police Department will be using Axon Virtual Reality Training System for \$118, 775.00 and Street Scape used for downtown Chicopee. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- MO-4 Mayor's appropriation of Three hundred forty one thousand one hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$341,100.00) to the following named account: Planning Special Account for FY25 Massachusetts Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund Costs from available funds in the Stabilization Fund Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and pass. Councilor Balakier stated this is in conjunction with the grant that was referenced before this order. It is a mitigation fund, structured as a reimbursable grant program. Has to be paid out in order to get these projects advanced. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- MO-5 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of Thirty and 00/100 dollars (\$30.00) to the Chicopee Public Library. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and donation accepted. Councilor Zygarowski stated \$30.00 given to us and please send a thank you note. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 6 A favorable Human Resources Committee report: Mayoral appointment of Artise C. Carr as a member of the Commission on Disability to serve in such office or the term expiring on the 1st of June, 2027.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and postpone to the call of the chair. Councilor Labrie stated that no one called and no one showed on the two that were going to speak on it tonight. Not sure they're still interested. Somebody's finding out. Motion to postpone passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 7 A favorable Human Resources Committee report: Mayoral appointment of Wilhelmina Humphries as a member of the Commission on Disability to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of June 2027.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and postpone to the call of the chair. Councilor Labrie stated Committee for the appointment of Wilhelmina Humphries as a member of the Commission on Disability. Motion to postpone passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 8 A favorable Public Works Committee report: Be it Ordered that the comprehensive truck route for the City of Chicopee be referred to the Public Works Committee.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and postpone to the call of the chair for review in three months. Councilor Krampits stated that the discussion with the Engineer and Public Works Committee will take up again in three months. Motion to postpone passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 9 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Bus Stops, Chicopee Street, Southbound – Move 400' south, Bus Stop #631.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated agreed to move the bus stop. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 10 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Greenpoint Circle, Traveling north at the intersection of James Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

-- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated agreed to put isolated stop sign at this location. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 11 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, 260-34 D Obstructing Traffic, Grattan Street, North and south bound in front of 739 Grattan Street, Do Not Block The Box.

-- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated agreed to put do not block the box at this location. Councilor Labrie stated Fire Department asked because of backing up trucks after a call. Motion passed through all stages through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 12 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Tourtelotte Avenue, Both sides from Chicopee Street for a distance of 35 feet or as recommended by Engineering, No Parking, Standing, or Stopping.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and defeated. Councilor Krampits stated original order Councilor Couchesne filed. He filed others that clarified. Others will be approved. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 13 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance striking from Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Tourtelotte Avenue, 100' from Chicopee Street on the south side, Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated remove a parking restriction. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 14 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance striking from Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Tourtelotte Avenue, South Side – 15 min./Any day – from Chicopee Street to a point 100 feet therefrom, Time Limit Parking.

-- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated clean-up, so additional restrictions cannot be put up. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 15 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Tourtelotte Avenue, North (Odd) Side – From Chicopee Street to a point 40 feet westerly thereof, No Parking, Stopping or Standing.

-- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated allow correct restriction to be put in place. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 16 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Tourtelotte Avenue, South (Even) Side – From Chicopee Street to a point 100 feet westerly thereof, No Parking, Stopping or Standing.

-- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated this is updated parking restrictions for that side of the street. Councilor Couchesne stated thank you to Dough Ellis for all his hard work on this. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 17 An unfavorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Winthrop Street, Traveling north at the intersection of New Ludlow Road, Isolated Stop Sign.

-- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and denied. Councilor Krampits stated Engineering noted only one house, stop sign not warranted. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 18 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Winthrop Street, Traveling south at the intersection of New Ludlow Road, Isolated Stop Sign.

-- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated stop sign is warranted. Motion passed through all stages with a roll call vote of 10 yes and one out of chair. Councilor Labrie out of chair. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 19 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Empire Street, 21' easterly at the entrance 55 Empire Street, Parking Prohibited.

-- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated conflicting speed limit signs, Engineering thought 25 MPH entire way. Motion passed through all stages with a roll call vote of 10 yes and one out of chair. Councilor Labrie out of chair. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 20 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, 260-81 Speed Limit, Old Field Road, Entire length, 25 MPH Speed Limit.

-- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated stop sign is warranted. Motion passed through all stages with a roll call vote of 10 yes and one out of chair. Councilor Labrie out of chair. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 21 An unfavorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 202 Meetinghouse Road, Handicap Parking.

-- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and denied. Councilor Krampits stated Engineering did not feel it was warranted. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 22 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Speed Limit, New Ludlow Road, From the intersection of New Ludlow Road and Memorial Drive traveling east to the South Hadley line, 25 MPH – Speed Limit.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and postpone to the call of the chair. Councilor Krampits stated ongoing pieces to this need approvals from the state. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated more than that. It is currently 35 MPH, residents on two occasions have requested it be dropped to 25 MPH. City recommended 25 MPH, but waiting to see what the status is from the state. Will stay on top of it. Motion to postpone passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 23 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Telegraph Avenue, Traveling north at the intersection of Prospect Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

-- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated stop sign approved for this location. Motion passed through all stages with a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 24 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Telegraph Avenue, Traveling south at the intersection of Prospect Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

-- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated stop sign approved for this location. Motion passed through all stages with a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 25 A favorable Zoning Committee report: A Special Permit application under Chapter 275-51.1 for the purpose of membrane covered structure storage of a boat. Approx – 22 ft – 10 ft. located at 2 Daniel Drive.

Applicant: Duane Mitchell, 2 Daniel Drive, Chicopee, MA 01013

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and postponed to the 8/28/2024 Zoning Committee Meeting in the Chambers at 6:30 PM. Councilor Balakier stated application of a membrane covered structure for a boat. The Zoning Committee had some unfavorable reports from Building and Health Departments. Structure not 3 feet away from the property line and debris on property. Gave 60 days to clean up and hopefully will be in compliance. Motion to postpone passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 26 A favorable Zoning Committee report: A Special Permit application under Chapter 275-67 due to the fact that the subject parcel is located entirely within the Mill Conversion and Commercial Center Overlay District. The proposed residential development is allowed by Special Permit with the City Council located at 105 East Street. Waivers requested (1) waiver from section 275-67 (G)(2)(d)(3) for a historical narrative prepared by a preservation consultant (2) waiver from section 275-67(G)(2)(d)(6) from a traffic impact study.

Applicant – PREM, LLC c/o Dennis Patel, 36 Yarmouth Dr., Agawam, MA 01001.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and pass. Councilor Balakier stated the first vote about Special Permit and the meeting discussed 14 condo units at 105 East Street, formerly the old Masonic Temple. We approved the Special Permit to be in compliance with conditions of the ODRC review committee. We'd be voting on submission of revised plan to building department and planning department and a letter from the planning director to the City Council confirming ODRC. This is first of our votes regarding the Special Permit. Councilor Krampits stated this is in Ward 5, thank you for working with neighbors who were concerned, will be owner occupied condos. No objections at Zoning Committee meeting. Motion passed through all stages with a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and pass waiver 1. Councilor Balakier stated it would be redundant. Motion passed through all stages with a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

-- Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and pass waiver 2. Councilor Balakier stated from traffic impact study. Motion passed through all stages with a 10 yes, 1 no roll call vote. Councilor Wagner voting no. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 27 Be it Ordained that the City of Chicopee hereby accepts and adopts the attached City Hall Parking Plan entitled "City Hall Parking Area Chicopee Center Neighborhood Dated March 2024" as required by the ordinances of the City of Chicopee – Chapter 260-32.2 (B) – Municipal Parking Areas. The Council further deletes the current parking plan entitled "City Hall Parking Area Center Neighborhood Dated January, 2022."

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass with revised parking plan. Councilor Zygarowski stated President Laflamme did a lot of work on this.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to allow President Laflamme to speak. Motion passed with 1 abstaining. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent. President Laflamme stated we went down to one parking space. Thank you to the mayor. Now 30-minute parking going to one hour parking. New location for mailboxes in the parking lot. No more cut-throughs for cars. In favor of this. Councilor Balakier stated good thinking for drop off boxes, like going to the bank, no risk from the street. Councilor Labrie stated he likes the changes, wants residents to know of the change. President Laflamme stated boxes will have an arm and will be usable from the car. Councilor Zygarowski stated any change on Front Street. President Laflamme stated from 30-minute parking to one hour parking. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 28 Be it Ordered that nominations to the Library Board of Trustees be accepted and closed and Theresa Picard be reappointed to the Library Board of Trustees.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to open Library Board of trustee, close nominations and Theresa Picard be approved. Councilor Zygarowski stated she does a good job. Motion passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 29 Be it Ordered that the DPW explore the feasibility of installing speed tables at various locations on Springfield Street to help reduce vehicular speeding and promote public safety.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and send to Department of Public Works to explore feasibility. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated would like to know more about it, does not want speed tables all over the city. Concern for ER vehicles. Councilor Balakier stated this street is shared by Brooks and himself and was not consulted, thought he should have been. We have seed tables in Ward 4, took a long time to get. Have experience with it. Would like to have round table with councilors involved. Councilor Labrie stated going to DPW, not subcommittee? President Laflamme stated correct. Councilor Courchesne stated must be a specific distance apart for a specific length. Councilor Krampits stated it can go the DPW. Councilor Wagner stated lots of talk about speed tables, there are other options to control speed, care of affect to ER vehicles. With respect to professional courtesy, Councilor are not beholden to one another. Helpful to talk, but at the end of the day, they are their own official. Councilor Balakier stated because I have gone through it, and they have not. Just because I have exposure to it, would help anyone who wants this. There are many pitfalls and takes a long time. I use this street every day, feel strongly because I know the area very well, trying to be helpful. Councilor Courchesne stated can I file for something in a Ward that is not mine? Councilor Wagner stated yes. Councilor Zygarowski stated worked on this with Balakier to do this on Front Street with Library, 3 schools, etc. Springfield street is very long but would like to see two Councilors to work together, will vote yes.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to allow President Laflamme to speak. Motion passed with one abstaining. President Laflamme abstained. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent. President Laflamme stated owned by two Wards, street is so big, they will call both Councilors with questions. Do not have to let the other Councilor know, but it would be nice. Concerned because there is a double Ward on one street. Motion to refer passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 30 Be it Ordered that the Public Works Committee meet to discuss expanding sites for disposing of used needles.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Public Works Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated several constituents concerned about needle disposal, do not want in the trash. Want to go to Public Works Committee to have a discussion, need more sights, keep needles out of trash. Councilor Zygarowski stated wasn't this is a Public Safety Meeting? Councilor Pniak-Costello stated yes, but do not want to put it off. Residents are concerned, its safety and inconvenience. Councilor Zygarowski stated there are several places in the city and CVS will take them. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated CVS is private and can shut down at any time. Councilor Balakier stated should the Health Department be involved? Councilor Pniak-Costello stated she would ask Health Department to come to the discussion and agrees CVS is good but can close. Want to discuss improving the situation. Motion to refer passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 31 Be it Ordered that the Public Works Committee meeting to discuss the status of Anson Street.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Public Works Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated it's a difficult street with potholes, has not been accepted by City. Want the status updated and want public hearing and to have Engineer be there. Motion to refer passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 32 Be it Ordered that the City reestablish the Chicopee Redevelopment Authority ensuring there is adequate technical and administrative support from existing or future City staff. This action to be sent to the Finance Committee for a public hearing and discussion.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Finance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated Economic Director, part of 2040 plan, which has not been approved yet, can we withdraw until plan is approved.

--Motion amended by Councilor Pniak-Costello to withdraw. Councilor Shumsky stated he learned this is a project with a lack of funding and would need money. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 33 Be it Ordered that the Public Works Committee meet to discuss the status of the end of Streiber Drive near 151 Streiber Drive. A request to Engineering to evaluate the safety of the dead-end street and the need for sign to alert vehicles of the dead-end street.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Public Works Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated just no outlet sign, better to have a public hearing, road just ends with a rock. Residents concerned would like an evaluation of the area, looking for safety.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to allow President Laflamme to speak. Motion passed with 1 abstaining. President Laflamme abstained. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent. President Laflamme stated Old Field Road, goes to river, saved people from backing all the way out of the street. Motion to refer passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 34 A proposed Ordinance striking from Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Grattan Street, East side in front of 558 Grattan Street, Time Limit Parking – 1 Hour Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 1st reading and refer the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Labrie stated no parking sign. Motion to refer passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 35 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Grattan Street, East side on pole #46, Time Limit Parking – 1 Hour Parking.
- Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 1st reading and refer the Ordinance Committee with proposed amendment. Councilor Labrie stated amended to read Monday - Saturday. Motion to refer passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.
- 36 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 78 Muzzy Street, Handicap Parking.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and refer to the Ordinance Committee, Commission on Disability, and Engineering. Councilor Krampits stated was previously denied. Applicant not happy, going through the process a second time. Motion to refer passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.
- 37 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Edmund Street, North Side – 25 feet from St. James Avenue, Parking Prohibited Here To Corner With Arrows.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 1st reading, and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Krampits stated the problem with parking to close to the intersection. Motion to refer passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.
- 38 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Eastern Drive, Travelling north – At intersection of Empire Street, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading, and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated next seven stop signs required, submitted by Police. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated appreciate Goff doing this. When the review was done, they wanted several, came from professionals. Motion to refer passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.
- 39 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Eastern Drive, Travelling south – At intersection of McKinstry Avenue, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading, and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated discussion in committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.
- 40 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Northern Drive, Travelling west – At intersection of Western Drive, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading, and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated discussion in committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.
- 41 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Western Drive, Travelling east – At intersection of Crescent Drive, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading, and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated discussion in committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

- 42 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Southern Drive, Travelling west – At intersection of Crescent Drive, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading, and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated discussion in committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.
- 43 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Crescent Drive, Travelling east – At intersection of Eastern Drive, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading, and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated discussion in committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.
- 44 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Crescent Drive, Travelling south – At intersection of McKinstry Avenue, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading, and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated discussion in committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.
- 45 A petition from Eversource Gas of Massachusetts hereby requests that it be granted a location and permission to install and maintain 280' of 2" MP plastic gas main on Lafayette St with such laterals and service connections as it may now or subsequently find necessary. Said gas main will be installed in accordance with the plans enclosed.
- Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive petition, 1st reading and refer to the Utility Committee. Councilor Zygarowski stated a petition to replace aging lines. Councilor Labrie stated make sure they patch the road and not into the tree belt. It's going to sink. Councilor Courchesne stated it took four months, but got it done. Councilor Labrie stated pack and mound because it will sink. Councilor Labrie stated do have information. Motion to refer passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

Adjournment: --Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to adjourn at 8:38 PM. Motion passed. Councilors Roy and Brooks absent.

ATTEST:

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Keith W. Rattell, City Clerk

Minutes from the City Council Special Meeting July 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium are as follows:

Laflamme, Frank N., President	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present via Zoom left at 7:27
Wagner, Timothy Joseph	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Arriaga, Abigail	Ward 1 Councilor	Absent
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present via Zoom
Goff, Susan M.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Shumsky, Samuel Robert	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Absent
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present via Zoom
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Councilor Laflamme opened the meeting, Clerk Rattell read the purpose of the meeting.

Public Input-none

Be it ordered that the City Council endorse the “City of Chicopee Comprehensive Plan; Envision Our Chicopee 2040” and the Action Plan for implementation.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to adopt the comprehensive plan for implementation. Meeting was turned over to Lee Pouliot and his team for a presentation. Lee stated no funding is requested at this time. This is just the backing of the comprehensive plan. Committee spearheaded and guided project. September of 2023 the Planning Board adopted the comprehensive plan. Lee turned over to Nick Kiser, Nick went through chapters one through four of the plan. Patrick Collins took over and went through chapters five through eight. Lee stated the action plan is ranked from high to low priority. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated how many homeless people are in Chicopee right now? Lee stated can't answer, we don't have a shelter, something we have to think about. Councilor Wagner stated with the results of the survey do you have age ranges? Lee stated there were age brackets, at least 40% were 40 and younger. Councilor Wagner stated hiring the economic development director, what is the position paying? Undercutting or save a buck, how do we balance, save money and hire good people. Lee stated the economic development, old school tradition to compete for someone who has a level of someone who would be competitive for us. Number of department heads are not competing economically with other cities. Planner in his office, develop as needed. Get someone young on board, let someone grow into the job. Councilor Wagner stated can respect the point. You stated the same faces being around for years, what is proposed to get new faces in here? Lee stated see more residents engaged in more civic activities. Regards to engaging with people who are not typically engaged. Directory in

the building, signs now have brail. Right color schemes on the website. Job training, retirees that still work. Councilor Zygarowski stated what are your thoughts on public safety. Lee stated police and fire do what's already asked for. C-3 police people enjoy seeing them. Officers on bikes and walking are doing a good job. Relationship with the residents. Councilor Zygarowski stated people want to feel safe when they come downtown. People don't feel safe downtown. Lot of this is money, lot of money. Bring back walking beat cops. Memorial Drive is a state highway, growing, traffic is unbelievable, working with MassDOT. All businesses went to malls. Lee stated we can work with the state. Can rethink land use. Memorial Drive, multimodal transportation. Need a safe facility to do so. Councilor Zygarowski stated how do you handle housing when no one wants it in their back yard. Councilor Balakier stated necessary, lot of pieces of work into a beautiful mosaic piece. Councilor Shumsky stated essential services, how well are they meeting the needs of the residents. Lee stated they seem happy with the services provided. Councilor Shumsky stated what about the parks. Last time Williams Park was refreshed was 20 years ago. Is there funding for the parks? Refresh parks. Lee stated Chicopee has more park acres per capita than anyone in the state. Work hand in hand with Ben Strepka. Not eligible for priority state grants. If a park isn't in an available area the city will have to step up and update. Combination effort. Councilor Shumsky stated are we looking at sources for clean energy? Lee stated all encompassing. Solar, hydro facility, long term development, demand created. All of the above. Councilor Shumsky stated any plans to clean up the falls? Lee stated Chicopee Electric Light is in charge of that. Councilor Goff stated large puzzle needs to come together. Food desert, talking about gardens and food bank. No access to grocery stores. Elderly can't take a bus or ride a bike. Big thing in ward 3. Lee stated all the plans stacking together, specific neighborhoods. Small grocery with healthy foods that are ethnically appropriate. Councilor Goff stated rethink law enforcement. Lee stated desire to see presence. National night out with police, walking, bikes, motorcycles. Councilor Goff stated types of population, at risk of being homeless. Housing burdened. Housing crisis. Look at the income demographics, significant portion of the city. Councilor Balakier stated if we approve this tonight what is the quick plan. Lee stated next step is creating the committee. Councilor Laflamme stated thank you for helping us to understand this tonight. Motion to adopt the comprehensive plan for implementation passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy, Arriaga, and Courchesne absent.

Adjournment:--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to adjourn at 7:30. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Roy, Arriaga, and Courchesne absent.

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Keith W. Rattell, City Clerk

Minutes from the City Council Special Meeting August 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium are as follows:

Laflamme, Frank N., President	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Wagner, Timothy Joseph	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Arriaga, Abigail	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Absent
Goff, Susan M.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
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Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Councilor Laflamme opened the meeting, Clerk Rattell read the purpose of the meeting.

Public Input-none

Mayor stated from 1980 to 2014 35 years with no capital improvements, structural integrity was found to be deficient. Starting in 2014 design & engineering, utilize every space, accommodate employees, make ADA compliant space ADA compliance. Can't access the main floor. Mayor, Law and Clerks. Will be a savings to the taxpayer with LED lighting. Heating and cooling will be fixed. Shell is done, City hall was open basically from 8am to 10pm, due to Covid now have door monitor. Say hello, give guidance, all doors but one are locked. Roughly three million spent already to get us ready to go out to bid. The longer we take, the more it will cost. Presentation made by Lee Pouliot slide show was presented. Time line, no work done from 1980 through July of 2014, entered emergency phase one with the rose window failure. Went through the slide show. The server room is not connected to the emergency generator. Dave Rice stated the generator is aged, the transfer switch is dangerous. Restoring the terrazzo floor. There will be no more wallpaper in the building. HVAC, new chiller. Don't have a lot of cameras inside. Will have security person at the door. Enhanced camera system. Police will have real time video. Alarm system will be three systems, better capacity. The Mayor stated the financial team has met several times to show the impact this will have on the city. We are in excellent financial shape. Won't affect the bond rating. Will try to aggressively look. Councilor Laflamme asked what is your projection for the next three to four years? Mayor stated waste water treatment plant, got grants, plant is operating pretty well. Staying in compliance with the consent decree. Barry School up to 80% reimbursement. Looking for new growth. Hoping for a developer for Uniroyal/Cabotville. Lot of residential unit projects. Lot of development in the future. Councilor Laflamme stated fire department downtown, school department, senior center. How many years from now? This project could fit but ideas on others? Mayor stated don't have a site. Purchase specialized equipment. Have to have site to replace station 3, asbestos in the floor, HVAC systems are working. Downtown meets the needs of a fire department. Senior center wants to expand. Great philosophy, outdoor covered space. Warm and comforting to many. Concert series. Potentially underdesigned. Under the radar, library is getting an outdoor canopy. School department has two years left on the lease. Lease payments could cover the dept acquisition.

RFP going out looking for space on a bus route, downtown, or Willimansett. Councilor Roy stated somewhere down the line get the facilities director to look into saferooms. Mayor stated not sure if it is part of the plan, not in there but we do have active shooter training available to city employees. We want to be prepared. New EAP plan for municipal buildings. One thought, three situations. Protect and hide, run or fight. Goal is to give employees tools to protect themselves, goal is to protect people. Lee stated are not looking to convert vaults. As part of the conversion facilities will move to where the council office currently is. You will have to pass through a metal detector, there will be panic buttons at every work station. Councilor Balakier stated bonding capacity, not at capacity, what is on the books? Lee stated one bond, Chicopee High is coming off, one bond for Chicopee Comp will come off next August they equal 1.5 million. Mayor stated will maintain 5-7 million in stabilization. Councilor Courchesne stated HVAC system replaced. Lee stated didn't do the office suites. Councilor Wagner stated resolution for financial guidelines, can I get a copy? Security upgrades. Fobs. Dave Rice stated will build out city wide. Police department will have access city wide. Councilor Wagner stated small costs do add up. Making us do this all over again. Mayor stated makes me nervous people are scamming all over off campus, show official member of the team with badges, they are important. Councilor Labrie stated do you think right now we can afford this. Mayor stated yes, wouldn't be here if I didn't believe in it. Construction costs are not going to get any cheaper, employees and residents deserve this. Councilor Shumsky stated met for about 12 hours total, know the ADA upgrades are needed. Audio/visual upgrades are needed. No further upgrades in this room (auditorium) but will connect data to the chambers. Lee stated would be able to have the chambers as an overflow. Want to have two separate rooms, all removable furniture. Asbestos, small amount that needs to be abated now. Solar on the main building not possible with the slate roof or weight. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated ADA violation are we getting penalized. Lee stated with the temporary plan we have to have an obligation for a higher capacity. Critical that we comply. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated support your vision, make ADA compliant. Security will be addressed, the longer we go will cost more money. Councilor Arriaga stated water rates just went up, in the long run will be beneficial but now it's a big project with so many projects going on. Lee stated will have more efficient working parts for the immediate future. Councilor Zygarowski stated the project, we started it, we have to finish it. Employees deserve a safe building. How will this affect the tax rate? Mayor stated won't borrow all at once. Will look for grants, estimated until it goes out for bid. Use the debt service capacity. Will last for the rest of our lives, will pay for over time, hard to predict. Trying to keep Chicopee affordable and trying to take care of this building. Deficiencies in the building that need to be addressed. Economic development director, grant writer, can't give specific numbers. Prioritizing project. Goal is to get a fair share. Councilor Zygarowski stated you're not going to spend all this at once. Mayor stated no, this is a thirty-one-month project. We won't borrow all at once. Councilor Wagner stated served on the historical commission, have concerns about what this will cost the taxpayers. What funding, how long this project has been put off. In favor of the project begrudgingly. Bring up to code, all for the renovations, needs to be done. Councilor Courchesne stated can we move the studio area. Lee stated no. Councilor Courchesne stated saw both sides of the project, owe to the whole city. Owe future generations, just got more expensive. Lee stated inflation is 2 ½% higher, things are backlogged from manufacturers. The faster we can get in the cue the better for us. Mayor stated will have preventative maintenance in place. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated Monday spent many hours touring city hall. Basement is like the Poseidon Adventure has to get done. Money that is being invested, investment in our children and grandchildren. Councilor Arriaga stated can appreciate and understand there are so many projects going on, the elderly woman who's water bill went up by \$30, employees deserve a safe space but taxpayers deserve

less burden. Support employees, just last piece. Councilor Laflamme stated did we bond in 2024 for roads and Uniroyal and pool for \$8 million, short term or long term? Lee stated chiller was replaced in the basement but not in the offices. Fobs are outdated, went with the ID badges. Spent a lot of money on phase 1. Spending 24 million when this is completed in 2027 will city hall be completed? Lee stated yes. Then switch to maintenance so we don't need massive projects. The Mayor stated there is alternative office space. Lee stated the council chambers will have expanded space for personal items of the councilors. Councilor Balakier stated phase one was \$2 million under budget, might be helpful to some peoples minds. Mayor stated you will see orders come through for capital needs. Money was set aside, cruisers, ambulance, sanitation packers. Substantial orders on tomorrow's agenda. Seeing requests tomorrow. Lee stated as the project goes, borrow in blocks, we end up with excess.

MO-1 City Hall Phase II Bond Authorization

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated Mayor has given as much information as we need. We should pass tonight. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

MO-2 Mayors appropriation of Four million and 00/100 dollars (\$4,000,000.00) to the following named account: Capital Projects Special Account for City Hall Phase II Renovations from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

Adjournment:--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to adjourn at 8:48. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday August 6, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Auditorium are as follows:

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Laflamme, Frank N., President	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Wagner, Timothy Joseph	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
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Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Mayor Vieau—on MO-1, stated transition Barb, she is an asset, highly valued, will be retiring, trying to create a smooth transition. Have Barb to train a new person. Councilor Pniak-Costello thanked Barb, she will be missed. On MO-2, Mayor stated bond was not put into the budget. Water lines are done when we do a sewer project. Board of water commissioners are in favor. Councilor Arriaga asked why was this not in the budget? Liz Batista stated didn't think had to stat this year because they used ARPA money for the first year. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated project is intense, doing a great job, any problems have been handled. On MO-3, Mayor stated will be able to have two jr. engineers, hope to have someone progress, currently unfunding the sr. position. Councilor Wagner asked is there any reason we can't fill the sr. position? Is it because of the salary? Liz stated the salary is competitive, engineering field is very competitive right now. Hoping to take someone from within and take someone young and mold and build up to the sr. position. On MO-4, Mayor stated prior year bill that didn't come in on time. On MO-5, Mayor stated put aside two million, recommendations of the committee. Starting by replacing 1995 F250. Liz stated the old truck is no longer safe for driving. On MO-6, Mayor stated mobilize second electrician. Demand for electrical work. Signals, rapid flashing beacons, will also be available for snow removal. Liz stated have two on staff now, invaluable, have to work around the schedule now to allow to share the vehicle, having the second would allow to them to be more efficient. On MO-7, Mayor stated mower for the Parks department, 2014 constantly in for repairs, needs to be replaced. Liz stated critical piece of equipment. Much needed piece. Ben Strepka stated close to 400 acres on a weekly basis. Reached the end of it's useful life. On MO-8, Mayor stated for one sanitation packer. Used for daily trash pickup throughout the city. Liz stated long wait time on these. Get used five days a week. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated great investment for our city. Sanitation department is wonderful. On MO-9 Mayor stated donation that we graciously accept. On MO-10 Mayor stated people count on us, two ambulances during peak hours for a total of four, takes a long time for a new one to come in. Won't be in until 2027. Chief Stamborski stated hoping to get it faster than 30 months. Councilor Wagner asked why is it taking 30 months? Chief answered we have to go with the cheapest company. On MO-11, Mayor stated F150 pick-up will replace Chevy Tahoe for fire prevention. Mechanic

takes great care with vehicle, time to replace. On MO-12, Mayor stated replacing fire prevention 2009 Chevy Cobalt. On MO-13, Mayor stated Cabotville, current owner is not keeping up with the current security ordered by the courts. Will lien the property. Councilor Roy stated how long will the \$45,000 carry us? Answer was the next order. On MO-14, Mayor stated long-term commitment on 165 Front Street, we have to maintain the building. On MO-15, Mayor stated prior year bills for facilities not available before the end of the year. On MO-16, Mayor stated ten years old at the senior center. Control system has never worked right. Replace the control system with one that is used in other buildings, maintain the temperature, the company the city hired did a majority of the controls, used automated logic, positive results. Will solve a majority of the problems. Councilor Laflamme stated lot of this in our buildings, bring in people to use old parts. Save the taxpayers in the long run. On MO-17, Mayor stated the clubhouse roof is over 20 years old, needs complete replacement. Councilor Goff asked only one quote? Dave Rice answered yes, just a baseline per purchasing guidelines. Company doing repairs currently. On MO-18, Mayor stated an anonymous donation. On MO-19, Mayor stated replacing six vehicles run 24/7. Police need tools, three cruisers, 2 detective cars, 1 narcotic vehicle. Councilor Labrie asked do we get a trade? Answer only on the unmarked. On MO-20, Mayor stated replace ten AR15 rifles outdated for special response team. Barrel of the rifle wears down. Councilor Roy asked over \$3000 per rifle? On MO-21, Mayor stated endorsed the 2040 plan. One of the main components is an overhaul of the zoning ordinances. Lee stated as discussed regulations need overhaul, last happened in 1974. More and more challenging, special permits, zoning board of appeals. Rewrite the code, create new code, start at the end of the year. Will be a slow thorough process. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated are other cities doing this? Lee stated yes, some are doing sporadic, some are doing complete overall code rewrite. There is inconsistency, simplify and streamline. Working with developers time is money. Five to ten year schedule for reviews. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated did you find difficulties? Lee stated no mention of lessening public input. Parking formulas created in the 1970's. On MO-22, Mayor stated they would like to stay for another year. On MO-23, Mayor stated grant/donation from Hispanic EDC. On MO-24, island on Sunnymeade Avenue. On MO-25, Mayor stated prior year bill. On MO-27 Councilor Laflamme stated every month. Mayor stated lot of planning in place for National Night Out. Won a national award. Bigger and better, completely free, vendors and so much to do. Mass State Police, K9 demonstrations, dance competitions, fun time for all. Bounce house houses, hopefully you can join.

Public Input—Al Kendall, 40 Meadow Street, chairman on COD, momentous occasion to have a city official on the commission. Is a requirement, have asked people to serve in the past, ask the council to approve the HR director. One of the services for the past 15-16 years to protect the cities interest. Want to keep it that way. Will have two other commissioners will fill the compliment. Renee Couture, 185 New Ludlow Road, clean city initiative, ban on plastic bags. New Ludlow Road to Britton Street to Montcalm, fill two Wal-Mart size bags a day on walk per day. Get into the storm drains, into the ocean. Mostly pickup after three main groups of litter bugs. Ask you to consider a litter committee, keep America beautiful campaign. People don't care, they do. Lisa Bienvenue, 34 Everett Street, first meeting under new system. Hoping you're open to tweaking how this works. Reading 27 orders just to read them all again. Looking for information, not needed to read them all, will turn off the public. Was good to hear about all the money going into the system. Concerning the DPW vehicle is not safe. Rear packers are not cheap, do we want to keep rear packers? One of the most dangerous jobs. Hope the city isn't just replacing like and kind. Carol Sliwa, Cora Avenue, comment on unfavorable zoning committee report: glad vote for commercial center was unfavorable, main concern is population density. If the mill conversion went through would be the most dense area in the city. Two people died on that sidewalk there. People are applying for it don't live in the city. Best is to have it

residential. Would be most useful suitable use. Daniel Slowik, 32 Cora Avenue, Mill Conversion, add there are two houses that are a half million-dollar houses well maintained. Cora Ave is nice. Empire Street is like a raceway. Housing issue in Chicopee. Repurpose other places. Sue Nimchick, 362 James Street, observed, rush, push, and repeat. Happy to hear that moving public input to 6pm before the mayor was not true. Making inconvenient for the people. Glad it went well. Two-year term for Mayor pushed to four. Don't want to separate abutters from council. At national or state level maybe, not grassroots city level. Some say four-year term is needed because Mayor doesn't have enough time, vote it down. Glenn Betournay, 433 Chicopee Street, mill conversion totally agree with every individual that abuts that property. Lived in Chicopee entire life. Motorcycles go flying by. Detrimental to the traffic pattern. Hope you vote down like recommended. Andrey Girich, 147 Empire Street, agree against the mill conversion. Ok with single family houses. Traffic is crazy. Neighbors all agree. Try to keep nice and neat.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to close public input and return to the regular order of business. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

Communications--none

Minutes --Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to accept the minutes of 6/27/24 Special Meeting, 7/2/24 Mayors Briefing, 7/2/24 Council Meeting, & 7/17/24 Special Meeting. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to take items #59 & 60 out of order. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

59 An unfavorable Zoning Committee report: Application Mill Conversion and Commercial Center Overlay for the entirety of property located at 0 Chicopee St. & 445 Chicopee St. (Parcel ID 0442-00091 & 0442-00090) for the purpose of adding the Mill Conversion and Commercial Center Overlay for the purpose of a proposed residential development. Applicant – Chicopee Property Management, LLC c/o Risa Teall, 112 East St., Granby, MA 01033.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and the Zone Change be denied. Councilor Labrie stated couple meetings on this to discuss the mill conversion. Abutters would like it to stay residential. Councilor Goff stated mill conversion does not apply to this property. Will cause more problems than not. Two people were killed on that sidewalk. Councilor Wagner stated voted against this twice. Think prejudices against multi-unit housing, but need new fresh ideas. Sympathetic to the neighbors. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated at the meeting to hear residents concerns, agree with them. They have valid reasons, public safety. Motion to deny passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

60 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Special Permit application under Chapter 275-63.1(D)(2) for the purpose of a warehouse and manufacturing facility with associated site improvements located at a portion of Robbins Road (Parcel 2B) (Parcel ID 0109-0001). Applicant – Trafa Pharmaceuticals, Inc., c/o Mr. Shahid Habib, 140 Padgette Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and granted with restrictions. Councilor Labrie stated Robbins Road area, came up with restrictions. Applicants say they weren't going near the conservation area. Councilor Krampits stated haven't received any calls either way. Will vote in favor. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained, Councilor Balakier absent.

MO-1 Mayor's appropriation of Thirty thousand four hundred thirty and 40/100 dollars (\$30,430.40) to the following named account: Auditing Salary Account for Temporary Budget Analyst from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks stated she is retiring, taking her institutional knowledge with her. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

MO-2 Mayor's appropriation of Five hundred fifteen thousand six hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$515,600.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Water Special Account for MWRA South Fairview Water Main Bond from available funds in the D.P.W. Water Surplus Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and pass. Councilor Goff stated transfer of funds. First loan payment. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

MO-3 Mayor's appropriation of Thirty six thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$36,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Water Salary Account for Junior Civil Engineer/Draftsman from available funds in the D.P.W. Water Salary Account for Senior Engineer.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and pass. Councilor Courchesne stated will create a junior position, make two positions, hope to teach them the way we do things and promote from within. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

MO-4 Mayor's appropriation of Twenty one thousand nine hundred thirty six and 45/100 dollars (\$21,936.45) to the following named account: D.P.W. Wastewater Expense Account for Light & Power from available funds in the Sewer Surplus.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive and pass. Councilor Shumsky stated for light and power. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

MO-5 Mayor's appropriation of Sixty nine thousand seven hundred eighty five and 00/100 dollars (\$69,785.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Central Maintenance Garage Special Account for Purchase of Vehicles from available funds in the Stabilization for Capital Budgeting.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated replacing a 1995 F250 truck. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

MO-6 Mayor's appropriation of Ninety seven thousand one hundred twenty and 00/100 dollars (\$97,120.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Administration Special Account for Purchase of Vehicles from available funds in the Stabilization for Capital Budgeting.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Councilor Labrie stated electrician service vehicle. Mobile electrical shop will also plow. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

MO-7 Mayor's appropriation of One hundred fifty nine thousand one hundred seventy five and 17/100 dollars (\$159,175.17) to the following named account: D.P.W. Parks Special Account for Purchase of Equipment from available funds in the Stabilization for Capital Budgeting.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Councilor Roy stated for gang mower, replacing a 2014 that has reached the end of its useful life. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Labrie out of chair. Councilor Balakier absent.

MO-8 Mayor's appropriation of Three hundred eighty four thousand seven hundred ninety six and 32/100 dollars (\$384,796.32) to the following named account: D.P.W. Sanitation Special Account for Purchase of Sanitation Packers from available funds in the Stabilization for Capital Budgeting.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive and pass. Councilor Wagner stated used to help pick up trash, important piece of equipment. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Labrie out of chair. Councilor Balakier absent.

MO-9 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of One hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$100.00) to the Chicopee Fire Department. Said donation is in appreciation of the Fire Department and it is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass. Councilor Krampits stated donation to the Fire Department. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

MO-10 Mayor's appropriation of Four hundred fifty nine thousand eight hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$459,800.00) to the following named account: Fire Special Account for Purchase of a New Ambulance from available funds in the Stabilization for Capital Budgeting.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and pass. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated purchase of a new ambulance. Ambulance service is superb. Respond to over 10,000 calls per year. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

MO-11 Mayor's appropriation of Fifty thousand six hundred fifty and 00/100 dollars (\$50,650.00) to the following named account: Fire Special Account for Vehicle Purchases from available funds in the Stabilization for Capital Budgeting.

--Motion made by Councilor Arriaga to receive and pass. Councilor Arriaga stated to purchase a F-150 for the Fire investigator. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

MO-12 Mayor's appropriation of Thirty five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$35,000.00) to the following named account: Fire Special Account for Vehicle Purchases from available funds in the Stabilization for Capital Budgeting.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks stated to replace an aging fleet. Need to replace. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

MO-13 Mayor's appropriation of Forty five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$45,000.00) to the following named account: Building Special Account for Emergency Demolition/Emergency Security from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and pass. Councilor Goff stated provide security at 165 Front Street because the owner is not doing it. Councilor Wagner stated what if we don't foot the bill. Counselor Riley stated the current owner says they're broke, could have a major issue with safety. Councilor Wagner stated don't think the taxpayers should have to pay for this unfunded mandate. Counselor Riley stated public safety is an issue if you don't vote for this. Councilor Arriaga stated the second one is if we vote to board it up. Councilor Laflamme stated will get reimbursed when we do sell they will put a lien on the property. Fire Department was there for a long time. Think its being sold. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated question was excellent, building goes back to January of 2022, money just keeps going out. Security guard was there. Security is what were looking at. Something has to be resolved. Chief Stamborski stated there is a buyer from New York, security company is still on scene, appropriate thing to do. No ordinary building. Very dangerous, hope it will be resolved soon. Councilor Courchesne stated fire watch as much as security. Councilor Wagner stated costing over \$4000 a week. Going to vote yes but at that point we should just take this property. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

MO-14 Mayor's appropriation of Ninety thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$90,000.00) to the following named account: Building Special Account for Emergency Demolition/Emergency Security from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and pass. Councilor Courchesne stated discussed already. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

MO-15 Mayor's appropriation of Thirty six thousand three hundred thirty four and 69/100 dollars (\$36,334.69) to the following named accounts:

Light & Power	\$30,118.26
Gas	5,512.44
Special Services	692.00
Misc. Dept. Supplies	<u>11.99</u>
Total	\$36,334.69

from available funds in the Stabilization fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive and pass. Councilor Shumsky stated prior year bill. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to take MO-#26 out of order. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to suspend Rule #38. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

MO-26 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Stephen Zajchowski, 1 Springfield Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Commission on Disability to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of August 2027. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

*New-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to approve Stephen Zajchowski this evening. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

MO-16 Mayor's appropriation of One hundred eighty seven thousand seven hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$187,700.00) to the following named account: City Hall Maintenance Special Account for Replacement of Senior Center HVAC BAS System from available funds in the Stabilization for Capital Budgeting.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated replacement at the senior center. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

MO-17 Mayor's appropriation of Ninety seven thousand five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$97,500.00) to the following named account: City Hall Maintenance Special Account for Replacement of Golf Clubhouse Roof from available funds in the Stabilization for Capital Budgeting.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Councilor Labrie stated roof is leaking, dire need of replacing. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated don't know if it's a good idea to refer to Finance Committee. Looking for ideas. Councilor Wagner stated was discussed.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to refer to the Finance Committee. Councilor Brooks stated how is this different from the previous order where we spend on an HVAC. To try to draw a distinction between the senior center and the golf course. Red-headed step-child at the golf course. Councilor Goff stated only thing she has questions on is only one bid. Like to see more. Material will only last 20 years. May chose to use better materials. Councilor Shumsky stated water leaks happened already. Can attribute to mold. Councilor Labrie stated roof is leaking. Improving this will get the best possible price and use the best possible materials. Will fix a leaky roof anywhere. Councilor Courchesne stated we have to use the lowest bid. Spend more money on tarping the Uniroyal building. Councilor Wagner stated not a direct conflict, uncle is a concessioner. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated my concern is in regards to finances at the golf course. We are asking the taxpayers to pay because we are asking the money management issue is being addressed. Councilor Shumsky stated finances at the golf course only department that brings revenue to the city. Councilor Wagner stated understand want of financial transparency. Treat like any other building at the end of the day not made to make a profit. Businesses make a profit this is to benefit the residents. No one except for me made a stink about a thing in a certain office concerning DLS. Councilor Arriaga stated not saying no you can't have a new roof, just want to get the best look at more things. Look at more things. Councilor Brooks stated back to MO-16 component of friends of the senior center, raised money to help build. Amounts of money spent \$100,000 is inconsequential for a roof which could negatively impact 16-20 employees, people, golf items, clothing, proactive approach, liability of airborne pathogens. Could be created. No distinction between buildings. Councilor Krampits stated have a question, believe Dave Rice said this was taken off the state bid list. To speed up the process so you don't have to go out to bid. Councilor Courchesne stated if we don't fix the roof and the contractor loses materials are we liable? Councilor Pniak-Costello stated wrap up from her perspective. Looking at all the requests from all the buildings big difference between the senior center and the golf course. Motion to refer to the Finance Committee defeated by a roll call vote of 3 yes, 8 no, 1 abstained. Councilors Arriaga, Goff, and Pniak-Costello voting yes. Councilor Wagner abstained. Councilor Balakier absent. Motion to pass defeated (need majority) by a roll call vote of 8 yes, 3 no, 1 abstained. Councilors Arriaga, Goff and Pniak-Costello voting no. Councilor Wagner abstained. Councilor Balakier absent.

--Motion to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Balakier absent. Councilor Laflamme stated comment was made about the senior center project, every building in the city we need to protect. 20 year warranty on a roof be happy with that, 100% support Dave Rice. When we did the police department spend the money right away. Taxpayer controversial thing. Don't golf, think they are doing a great job. What do we do with that building. He was going to check other bids. Can't wait to get this done. Repaired the library roof when it was mothballed. Do this tonight. Don't want problems with it.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to reconsider. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 9 yes, 3 no. Councilors Arriaga, Goff and Pniak-Costello voting no. Councilor Balakier absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 10 yes, 2 no. Councilors Arriaga and Pniak-Costello voting no. Councilor Balakier absent.

- MO-18 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of One hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$100.00) to the Chicopee Police Department. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Councilor Roy stated anonymous donation. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner for a 5 minute recess at 8:42. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to take items #28 & #29 out of order. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 28 A favorable Human Resources Committee report: Mayoral appointment of Artise C. Carr as a member of the Commission on Disability to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of June 2027.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and the appointment approved. Councilor Labrie stated interviewed both, very eager to serve, recommended. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 29 A favorable Human Resources Committee report: Mayoral appointment of Wilhelmina Humphries as a member of the Commission on Disability to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of June 2027.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and the appointment approved. Councilor Labrie stated interview went very well, recommended. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- MO-19 Mayor's appropriation of Three hundred ninety one thousand seven hundred thirty seven and 97/100 dollars (\$391,737.97) to the following named account: Police Special Account for Purchase of Cruisers from available funds in the Stabilization for Capital Budgeting.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive and pass. Councilor Wagner stated for six vehicles, three unmarked. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- MO-20 Mayor's appropriation of Thirty one thousand five hundred eighty three and 70/100 (\$31,583.70) to the following named account: Police Special Account for Weaponry Equipment from available funds in the Stabilization for Capital Budgeting.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass. Councilor Krampits stated ten AR15 rifles, last purchased in 2012, past the end of life. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- MO-21 Mayor's appropriation of Three hundred fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$350,000.00) to the following named account: Planning Special Account for Zoning Ordinance & Development Regulations Overhaul from available funds in the Stabilization for Capital Budgeting.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and pass. Motion amended by Councilor Pniak-Costello to amend to refer to the Finance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated been roughly several decades since updates. Councilor Goff stated can't in good conscience vote to update this tonight. Will take away the voice of the people and the voice of this City Council. When they tried to put in the Starbucks. When they tried on Burnett Road. Once it's zoned something you have no say. The City Council has a process for zoning. Councilor Courchesne stated friendly amendment to send to finance. Didn't get the same feeling she got. Decades late in this happening. Maybe just be more informed. Councilor Wagner stated is there a way to put an asterisk to send an update to council for approval. Can we say it will be with zoning committee. Counselor Riley stated if the planning department wants to change the ordinances they have to come before you for approval. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated agree with Councilor Goff if there is any way we change the way we handle zoning we want a say. Concerns about businesses being so close to homes. We don't want to give up the power of the voice of the people. This is a big bill. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- MO-22 An Order authorizing the Mayor, in accordance with the City Charter and M.G.L., C. 40 Section 15, to negotiate, edit, and execute a lease of the City property located at 170 Grove Street in Chicopee and any other document necessary to finalize said lease of property, which is not currently needed for a public purpose.

--Motion made by Councilor Arriaga to receive and pass. Councilor Arriaga stated they want to stay for another year. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- MO-23 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of One thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$1,000.00) to the City of Chicopee. Said donation is to be used for the 2024 C3 Hispanic Heritage Domino Tournament and it is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive, pass and the donation accepted. Councilor Brooks stated donation from a group holding an event. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

MO-24 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation of a flag spotlight and ground stake with a value of Five hundred thirty nine and 88/100 dollars (\$539.88) from GMES Springfield to the City of Chicopee. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A1/2.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, pass and the donation accepted. Councilor Goff stated to highlight a flag. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

MO-25 Mayor's appropriation of Two hundred eighty nine and 00/100 dollars (\$289.00) to the following named account: Management Information Special Account for Service Contracts from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and pass. Councilor Courchesne stated prior year bill. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

MO-27 Ordered that the City Council accept the donations in the amount of Six thousand four hundred ninety three and 00/100 dollars (\$6,493.00) to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said donations are for senior meals for the month of June, 2024 and they are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive and pass with a 2nd by Councilor Zygarowski. Councilor Shumsky stated donation. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

30 An unfavorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Chapter 257-8 Removal of unhealthy trees.

Add to Chapter 257-8

257-8 (a)

Any tree on public property that is cut down or removed by the City for any reason must be replaced by 1 tree if the diameter of the trunk of the removed tree is less than 1 foot, or two trees if the diameter of the trunk of the removed tree is greater than or equal to a foot. The replacement tree must be planted within one year of the removal of any tree.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and denied. Councilor Krampits stated DPW and Forestry in general didn't have anything against this, they just don't have enough staff at this time. Councilor Arriaga stated sometimes trees are removed because of disease and can't be replaced in the same spot. They do replace trees. Motion to deny passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 31 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 78 Muzzy Street, Handicap Parking.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and refer back to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Krampits stated discussion on this, resident came out was denied. COD was there, wanted more time to investigate. Will wait to hear from them. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.
- 32 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Woodland Avenue, Traveling north at the intersection of Britton Street, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.
- 33 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: striking from Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Grattan Street, East side in front of 558 Grattan Street, Time Limit Parking – 1 Hour Parking.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory, following updated parking. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.
- 34 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Grattan Street, East side on pole #46, Time limit parking – 1 Hour Parking – Monday through Saturday.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated updated to cover Saturday. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.
- 35 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Edmund Street, North Side – 25 feet from St. James Avenue, Parking Prohibited Here to Corner With Arrows.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.
- 36 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Eastern Drive, Travelling north – At intersection of Empire Street, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 37 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Eastern Drive, Travelling south – At intersection of McKinstry Avenue, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.
- 38 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Northern Drive, Travelling west – At intersection of Western Drive, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.
- 39 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Western Drive, Travelling east – At intersection of Crescent Drive, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.
- 40 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Southern Drive, Travelling west – At intersection of Crescent Drive, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.
- 41 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Crescent Drive, Travelling east – At intersection of Eastern Drive, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.
- 42 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: adding to Chapter 260, Crescent Drive, Travelling south – At intersection of McKinstry Avenue, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.
- 43 An unfavorable Ordinance Committee report: adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 33 Tourtelotte Avenue, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and denied. Councilor Krampits stated engineer and DPW did not recommend. Did not comply. Motion to deny passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 44 An unfavorable Ordinance Committee report: adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 52 Northern Drive, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and denied. Councilor Krampits stated DPW said did not comply. Motion to deny passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 45 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: striking from Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 49 Elm Street, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated eliminate, not needed anymore. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 46 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained that Chapter 7 of the Ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named account and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Auditing Department (Group 3)

a. Assistant Auditor – Stipend \$5,000.00

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated all the rest of the ordinances are from the budget. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 47 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained that Chapter 7 of the Ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named account and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Planning Department (Group 2)

a. Development Manager \$78,842.88 (Grade 8)

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated so the ordinance matches the budget. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 48 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained that Chapter 7 of the Ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named account and inserting in place thereof the following:

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Office of the City Clerk (Group 2)

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| a. Compliance Officer | \$25,826.47 (Grade 4) |
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--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated to match the budget. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 49 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained that Chapter 7 of the Ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named account and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Human Resources (Group 2)

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| a. Assistant Director | \$64,373.04 (Grade 8) |
| b. Benefits Coordinator (2) | 64,373.04 (Grade 8) |
| | 59,291.76 (Grade 8) |
| c. Senior Generalist | 54,350.64 (Grade 7) |
| d. Administrative Assistant | 39,734.64 (Grade 4) |
| e. Generalist | 48,372.24 (Grade 6) |
| f. Occupational Safety Manager | 58,988.16 (Grade 8) |
| g. H.R. Business Partner | 59,716.80 (Grade 8) |

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 50 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained that Chapter 7 of the Ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named account and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Law Department (Group 2)

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| a. Paralegal (1) | \$67,233.60 (Grade 6) |
| b. Paralegal (1) | 64,226.88 (Grade 6) |

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 51 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained that Chapter 7 of the Ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named account and inserting in place thereof the following:
To be operative July 1, 2024

Office of the Treasurer (Group 2)

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| a. Assistant Treasurer | \$76,483.44 (Grade 8) |
| b. Special Projects Manager | 53,745.12 (Grade 5) |

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 52 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained that Chapter 7 of the Ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named account and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Auditing Department (Group 2)

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| a. Senior Accountant | \$82,016.64 (Grade 8) |
| b. Budget Analyst | 82,016.64 (Grade 8) |

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 53 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained that Chapter 7 of the Ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named account and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Office of the Mayor (Group 2)

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| a. Chief of Staff | \$76,483.44 (Grade 8) |
| b. Staff Assistant | 60,656.40 (Grade 5) |
| c. Special Projects Manager | 60,238.80 (Grade 5) |
| d. Community & Constituent Liaison | 45,205.20 (Grade 5) |

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 54 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained that Chapter 7 of the Ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named account and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Office of the City Council (Group 2)

a. Administrative Assistant	\$58,829.40 (Grade 6)
b. Clerk	39,919.95 (Grade 3)
c. P.T. Clerk	19,350.01 (Grade 4)

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 55 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained that Chapter 7 of the Ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named account and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Office of the Treasurer (Group 3)

a. Assistant Treasurer – Stipend	\$5,000.00
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--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 56 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained that Chapter 7 of the Ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named account and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

Law Department (Group 1)

a. City Solicitor	\$72,333.81
b. Assistant City Solicitor	65,368.33
c. Associate City Solicitor (2)	65,368.33 (EACH)
d. Council – Legal Counsel	65,368.33
e. Chief of Litigation/Labor Relations	68,583.17

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 57 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained that Chapter 7 of the Ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named account and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

License Commission (Group 3)

a. Chairman	\$900.00
b. Commissioners	800.00 EACH

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 58 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained that Chapter 7 of the Ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended by striking out salaries as they pertain to the following named account and inserting in place thereof the following:

To be operative July 1, 2024

OO. Human Resources (Group 4)

f. Door Clerks	\$15.00 PER HOUR
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--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 61 A License Committee report: Application for an Auto Detailing License for The Tint Shop located at 455 Memorial Drive. Applicant: Besel Laden Smaili, 65 Bonneville Ave., #1, Chicopee, MA 01013.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and the license granted with restrictions. Councilor Brooks stated applicant for a window tint license. Were given the standard plot plan. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

62 Be it Ordered that the dead tree across from 49 Washington Street be removed.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to withdraw. Councilor Zygarowski stated tree is down. Motion to withdraw passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

63 Be it Ordered that nominations be open for the Board of Health. Also Theresa Picard be considered for reappointment with any new applicants at the next City Council meeting on September 5, 2024.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and open nominations and nominate Theresa Picard to the Board of Health. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

64 Be it Ordained that the City of Chicopee hereby accepts and adopts the attached City Hall Parking Plan entitled "City Hall Parking Area Chicopee Center Neighborhood Dated March 2024" as required by the Ordinances of the City of Chicopee – Chapter 260-32.2 (B) – Municipal Parking Areas. The Council further deletes the current parking plan entitled "City Hall Parking Area Center Neighborhood Dated January, 2022".

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Zygarowski stated self-explanatory. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

65 Be it Ordered that the Rules and Orders of the City Council Meetings shall be amended as follows:

Rule #15

DELETE

Standing committees shall be appointed as follows: Public Works, Personnel, Recreation, Communications, Utilities, Finance, Community Development, Senior Citizens, Ordinance, Rules, License, Public Safety/Police Commission, Zoning, Water Resource, Claims and Accounts, and Resort Casinos and Gaming. The Committee on Finance shall consist of five (5) members to include the President and four (4) other members. The committee on Zoning shall consist of five (5) members. The Resort Casinos and Gaming Committee will conform to the Gaming Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and all city ordinances of the City of Chicopee either as a host community of a surrounding community neighbor and consist of five (5) members.

AND INSERT IN PLACE THEREOF

Standing committees shall be appointed as follows: Public Works, Personnel, Recreation, Communications, Utilities, Finance, Community Development, Senior Citizens, Ordinance, Rules,

License, Public Safety/Police Commission, Zoning, Water Resource, Claims and Accounts, and Resort Casinos and Gaming. The Committee on Finance shall consist of five (5) members to include the President and four (4) other members. The committee on Zoning shall consist of five (5) members. The Resort Casinos and Gaming Committee will conform to the Gaming Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and all city ordinances of the City of Chicopee either as a host community of a surrounding community neighbor and consist of five (5) members. The function of these committees is to research, discuss, and modify proposals for more efficient consideration by the City Council. There shall be a Committee of the Whole, which shall consist of all members of the Council.

No item shall be referred to the Committee of the Whole except if referred by a two thirds vote of the Council.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive and refer to the Rules Committee. Councilor Wagner stated discussed at length with Councilor Laflamme what things should be sent to the Committee of the Whole.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent. Councilor Laflamme stated been working on this. Have to be careful of the open meeting laws. Don't want any open meeting law violations. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 66 Be it Ordered that the Finance Committee meet to get an update on legislation starting 7.1.24 authorizing 200 million for fiscal year 2025 to fund bridge and road maintenance and other infrastructure projects in municipalities across the state under the chapter 90 program. In addition, the legislation will fund a total of 175 million more for six transportation infrastructure grant programs.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Finance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated money granted. Wanted to refer so we could have a meeting with the city. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 67 Be it Ordered that the Public Works Committee meet to discuss a tree on public property growing into a fenced on private property at 245 Montcalm Street. Also for discussion any tree stumps not addressed on public property.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Public Works Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated tree abutting city property. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 68 Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Delete from Chapter 260-28 Parking of commercial vehicles.

B

26,001 pound

And insert in place thereof

B

10,000 pounds on private property in any residential zone

To read:

No driver shall park or stand any motor vehicle and/or motor vehicle attachment (excluding recreational vehicles) having a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or more on private property in any residential zone or exceeding 24 feet in length on private property in any residential zone for more than three calendar days during any calendar month. Motor vehicles, regardless of size, owned or operated by the City of Chicopee, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the United States of America are hereby exempt from these regulations. Each day in which a motor vehicle is in violation of this provision shall constitute a separate offense.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated discussed already. Call of the chair, asking to be discussed again. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

69 Be it Ordered that the DPW install a Speed Limit Sign in the area of 138 Irene Street.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and sent to the DPW for implementation. Councilor Courchesne stated cut through. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

70 Be it Ordered that the DPW install a Dead-End sign at the intersection of Yvonne & Olivine Street.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and sent to the DPW for implementation. Councilor Courchesne stated 2nd request. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

71 Be it Ordered that the Public Safety subcommittee meet to discuss petitioning the State to obtain jurisdiction under the 391 Overpass.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and refer to the Public Safety Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated working on this for a couple of years. Few years back called, petitioned the state. Can't do anything about abandoned vehicles. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

72 Be it Ordered that the DPW complete the dashed line on Grattan Street at Meadow Street.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and sent to DPW for implementation. Councilor Courchesne stated where 391 goes to Grattan Street people have a hard time navigating. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 73 Be it Ordered that the Finance Committee meet to discuss sending to the Mayor approval of \$25,000 for the Chicopee Hub training.
- Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and refer to the Finance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated first responders can help people who are in acute need. Fee is not negotiable, great program, will be a person coming to do a PowerPoint at the Finance Committee Meeting. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.
- 74 Be it Ordered that the DPW install safety zones at Mt. Carmel and Yvonne Streets.
- Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and sent to the DPW for implementation. Councilor Courchesne stated 2nd request, want crosswalk seen. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.
- 75 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260 Handicap Parking, 325 Chicopee Street, Handicap Parking.
- Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated discuss in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.
- 76 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260 Parking Regulations, Sanford Street, Even side – 25 feet from the intersection of Hampden Street, Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.
- Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Brooks stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.
- 77 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260 Bus Stops, Blanche Street, Move bus stop #524 Blanche Street to 841 Chicopee Street, Bus Stop #524.
- Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated working with the DPW. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.
- 78 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260 Bus Stops, Charbonneau Terrace, Move bus stop #518 Charbonneau Terrace to 954 Chicopee Street, Bus Stop #518.
- Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated same course. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 79 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260 Bus Stops, Whitman Street, Move Bus Stop back (north) 200 feet, Bus Stop #530.
- Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated same course. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.
- 80 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260 Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Day Street, At the intersection of Ingham Street, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.
- 81 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260 Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Guyotte Street, Traveling west at the Intersection of College Street, Isolated Stop Sign.
- Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated discuss in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.
- 82 An application for a NEW Home Occupation License at 21 Emerson Street, 2 for the purpose of doing baking bread and cookies, delivering them to customers. Applicant: Francheska Santana, 21 Emerson Street, 2, Chicopee, MA 01013.
- Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Brooks stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.
- 83 An application for a NEW Special Permit under Section 275-30(B) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of storage container material storage. Location of Property: 0 Chicopee Street (Corner of Chicopee & Blanche). Map & Parcel ID: 0582-00004. Name of Applicant: Gleb Leiderman, 35 Fletcher Circle, Chicopee, MA 01020.
- Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and refer to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Councilor Labrie stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.
- 84 An application for a NEW Zone Change from Bus A to CBD for +/-4530 square feet of property located at 0 Chicopee Street. Parcel ID# 0582-0004 for the purpose of removing a split zoned parcel & to advance mix used development. Petitioner Name & Address: Gleb Leiderman, 35 Fletcher Circle, Chicopee, MA 01020.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and refer to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Councilor Labrie stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 85 An application for an alteration of an Auto Repair License amending license hours to include Sunday. Currently Monday – Saturday 7:30am-8pm add Sunday 9am – 5pm. For: Monro Muffler & Brake, Inc., at 451 Memorial Drive. Applicant: Kristopher Rojas, 1 Belden Ct. Unit R3, Agawam, MA 01001.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Brooks stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 86 An application for a NEW Class II License applied for by: Matta Brothers Service Station Inc., 451 Memorial Drive. Applicant: Ramez Matta, 22 Pomeroy Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Brooks stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 87 An application for a NEW Auto Repair License applied for by: Matta Brothers Service Station Inc., 451 Memorial Drive. Applicant: Ramez Matta, 22 Pomeroy Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Brooks stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

- 88 Election Call for the September 3, 2024, State Primary

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to accept the election call for the September 3, 2024 State Primary. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

Adjournment:--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to adjourn at 10:02. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Balakier absent.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith W. Rattell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Keith W. Rattell, City Clerk

Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Thursday September 5, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Auditorium are as follows:

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CITY COUNCIL
CHICOPEE MA

Laflamme, Frank N., President	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Wagner, Timothy Joseph	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Arriaga, Abigail	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Absent
Goff, Susan M.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Shumsky, Samuel Robert	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

--Mike Pise on behalf of Mayor Vieau on MO-1, stated had to change bus routing because the ravine is eroding. Have to maintain. Councilor Balakier asked do we have a special account or is this something we have to do? Deferred maintenance? Capital improvement? Councilor Wagner stated do you plan to come back for other improvements. Dr. Ware stated yes the intention is to come back. Councilor Labrie asked did we get any other bids? Scott Chapdelaine answered having a study done, area washed out, not enough leaching tanks on the site. Discovered after, the weight goes right to the retention area. Didn't go out to bid yet, just an estimate. Right now is stable. Too much volume of water. Councilor Shumsky stated last year the lot was under construction, was it the same issue. The answer was yes. The Planning and Conservation had to get involved won't be able to do when school is in session. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated need capital improvement, priorities will be back in the future. Councilor Laflamme stated design from day one was off. Supposed to be designed for maximum amount of rain. Why are we not holding the vendor accountable? We paid for this design. Kudos for the band aid. Completed in 2007. On MO-2 Mike stated, retaining wall, part of the same expense. On MO-3 Mike stated Chapter 70 money is last item we get. More money was put in city match for educational funds. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated how are we doing filling positions in SPED? Still having trouble, 25-26 open positions have to contract with outside services. On MO-4, Lee Pouliot stated discussed working with the Mayor's office focus on Economic Development, fits with the Planning Department structure, have latitude. Define and evolve position. Multi year timeline. Need staff to win grants. Councilor Wagner stated think this is trying to create the position. Trying to create multiple rolls, like to see this back to renegotiate \$70-80,000 have to do better than this. Lee stated most staff across the city are not paid well, have to work within the union. On MO-5 Mike stated approved by the Sewer commission, Quinn Lonczak stated have had sewer delays city has held back money. On MO-6 Mike stated Engineering for associate. On MO-7, Mike stated expense for a traveling nurse. On MO-8, Mike stated successful event. On MO-9, Mike stated appreciative of donation. On MO-11, Councilor Laflamme stated every month. Mike Pise stated item #24 OPEB trust in 2015 the state passed a law that the was adopted in 2015 about the list of 2015, there was some confusion. Need to accept the trustees.

Public Input—Lisa Bienvenue, 34 Everett Street, what you were talking about the six years is the statue of repose. I know it sounds great to say we can go back. Thank Mr. Balakier for asking how much money we

have left in the stabilization fund. Key piece of information to have. Discussion of orders, to read each one by rote shows an incapability to adapt into the meeting. Mayor also needs to adapt to the meeting. Did the order need to be read? Something to think about. Item #24 did not belong on the floor at this time. Sue Nimchick, 362 James Street, always love interaction, exchange. Speaking up, speaking out. Will give you direction, policy, increase public safety. Stimulate further conversation. Accolades and applause to councilors. Sue & Tim, maybe conflicts with the norm, ask to get answers. Councilor Gary sometimes you head it right off. Demand on feet where these people sent out with notices, no abutters there. Ask questions, do service.

Communications--none

Minutes --Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to accept the minutes of the 8/1/24 Special Meeting and the 8/6/24 City Council Meeting. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

MO-1 Mayor's appropriation of One million six hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$1,600,000.00) to the following named School Department Special Account: School Special Account for Chicopee Comprehensive High School Retention Area Rebuild from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and pass. Councilor Goff stated to rebuild the retention area in the parking lot at Chicopee Comp. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

MO-2 Mayor's appropriation of Three hundred fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$350,000.00) to the following named School Department Special Account: School Special Account for Chicopee Comprehensive High School Retaining Wall Repair from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and pass. Councilor Courchesne stated retention area. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

MO-3 Mayor's appropriation of One hundred thirty three thousand two hundred sixty one and 00/100 dollars (\$133,261.00) to the following named School Accounts:

SPED Salaries for Teachers	\$ 71,983.00
SPED Salaries for Paras/Aides	33,865.00
SPED Expenses for Professional Services	<u>27,413.00</u>
	\$133,261.00

Said amount to raised in the Fiscal 2025 Tax Levy.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to receive and pass. Councilor Shumsky stated allocation raised in the 2025 tax levy. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated thanks Dr. Ware for adjusting salaries. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

- MO-4 Mayor's appropriation of Thirty eight thousand one hundred thirty six and 80/100 dollars (\$38,136.80) to the following named account: Planning Salary Account for Associate Planner for Economic Development and Project Manager. Said amount is to be raised in the Fiscal 2025 Tax Levy.
- Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and pass. Councilor Balakier stated projected amount for an associate planner. Lee shed some light on this, try this way and see how this works. Councilor Wagner stated as I said during the briefing and I'll say again trying to put all the burden and won't pay. Not going to get the person they need. Needs to be a proper economic director. Would like to send back to the Mayor. Pay the person what they're worth, it's doable. Councilor Courchesne stated confused, had a position before, why does it have to be approached a different way? Had this position before. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated this salary is too low. This individual would paid too low, pay is too low. Councilor Zygarowski stated many years back this should be our planner. Salary is much too low. Curious to see how many people would apply for this job of assistant planning director. True get grants, gonna cost us some money. Councilor Labrie stated agree the position needs more money, goes back and forth will be another month. Pass and get the ball rolling. Agree needs more money. Councilor Goff stated think the problem is in the job title. Economic Development Manager we do need an Economic Development Manager, have to vote no because of the job title. Councilor Courchesne asked what's the rush? Do it right the first time. Councilor Arriaga stated rushing through things makes it take even longer. Start the whole process over again. Councilor Wagner stated last of comments, much harder to get money taken down. Give the Mayor all the cards, put the brakes on this now, maybe he'll come back. Councilor Labrie stated is that true, if we appropriate the money can we not get another appropriation until next year. Councilor Balakier asked maybe table this. Not turn this down.
- Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to refer to the Finance Committee. Motion to refer defeated by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.
- Motion to approve defeated by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.
- MO-5 Mayor's appropriation of Fifty two thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$52,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Sewer Special Account for Pump Station Repairs from available funds in the D.P.W. Sewer Special Account for West End Mills Sewer Improvements.
- Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated have to pass this, need for pump station. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.
- MO-6 Mayor's appropriation of One hundred fifty three and 53/100 (\$153.53) to the following named account: DPW Administration Expense Account for Memberships from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.
- Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Councilor Labrie stated membership for Engineer, bill came in after July 1st. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

MO-7 Mayor's appropriation of Eight hundred ninety nine and 43/100 dollars (\$899.43) to the following named Health Department Expense Accounts:

Travel	\$227.43
Special Services	<u>672.00</u>
Total	\$899.43

From available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Councilor Roy stated for the Health Nurse. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes 1 out of chair. Councilor Pniak-Costello out of chair. Councilor Brooks absent.

MO-8 Ordered that the City Council accept the in-kind donation of cupcakes for the National Night Out event from the Chicopee Wal-Mart. The cupcakes have a value of Four hundred five and 13/100 dollars (\$405.13) and the donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A1/2.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to receive and pass. Councilor Wagner stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

MO-9 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of Twenty five and 00/100 dollars (\$25.00) from Walter and Maryanne Isham to the Chicopee Public Library in memory of Todd Isham. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass. Councilor Krampits stated donation. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

MO-10 To the City Clerk

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Eric Lapointe, 313 Tolpa Circle, Chicopee MA 01020, as a member on the Parks and Recreation Commission, to serve in such office for the term of 5 years expiring on the 1st of August 2029.

New-Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Human Resources committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated interested in serving on the commission. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

MO-11 Ordered that the City Council accept the donations in the amount of Seven thousand six hundred eighty three and 00/100 dollars (\$7,683.00) to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said donations are for senior meals for the month of July, 2024 and they are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Arriaga to receive and pass with a 2nd by Councilor Zygarowski. Councilor Arriaga stated month of July meals. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Brooks absent.

- MO-12 Ordered that the City Council accept the Senior Planet AI Programs Microgrant in the amount of Ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Older Adults Technology Services to the Chicopee Senior Center. Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and pass with a 2nd by Councilor Zygarowski. Councilor Goff stated grant for AI computer technology. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Brooks absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to make Councilor Labrie President Pro-tempore for MO-13. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- MO-13 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations in the amount of One thousand seven hundred eighty three and 00/100 dollars (\$1,783.00) to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said donations are for senior programming and they are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass with a 2nd by Councilor Labrie. Councilor Roy stated donations. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 10 yes 2 abstained. Councilors Laflamme and Zygarowski abstained. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 14 A favorable Recreation Committee report: Be it Ordered that the Recreation Department and Golf Course meet with the Recreation Committee to present their plan for 2024.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and placed on file. Councilor Courchesne stated and update from Golf and Recreation, read the report. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 15 A favorable Utilities Committee report: Petition from Eversource Gas of Massachusetts that it be granted a location and permission to install and maintain 280' of 2" MP plastic gas main on Lafayette Street with such laterals and service connections as it may now or subsequently find necessary.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive and approved. Councilor Goff stated Eversource replacing aging pipes. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 16 A License Committee report: Application for an Auto Repair License for Matta Brothers located at 451 Memorial Drive. Applicant: Ramez Matta, 22 Pomeroy Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and the license granted with restrictions. Councilor Krampits stated this came before us, read the restrictions, parking spaces and hours. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 17 A License Committee report: Application for a Class II License for Matta Brothers located at 451 Memorial Drive. Applicant: Ramez Matta, 22 Pomeroy Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and the license granted with restrictions. Councilor Krampits stated same applicant. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 18 A License Committee report: Application to amend license hours to include Sunday for Monro Muffler & Brake, Inc., 451 Memorial Drive. Currently Monday – Saturday 7:30 AM – 8 PM. Add Sunday 9 AM – 5 PM. Applicant: Kristopher Rojas, 1 Belden Ct., Unit R3, Agawam, MA 01001.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and refer back to the license committee to the call of the chair. Councilor Krampits stated no communication, no show. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 19 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Special Permit application under Chapter 275-51.1 for the purpose of membrane covered structure storage of a boat. Approx – 22 ft – 10 ft. located at 2 Daniel Drive. Applicant: Duane Mitchell, 2 Daniel Drive, Chicopee, MA 01013.
- Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the Special Permit approved. Councilor Balakier stated item that was revisited, issues, gave the applicant 60 days to clean up the property. Councilor Wagner stated shout out the family, they spent all their free time with the family cleaning the property. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 20 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Zone Change application from Res A to Res B for +/- 12,778 SF of property located at 586 Montgomery Street for the purpose of converting to a 2 family. Applicant: Valerie Duprey, Ronald Sagan, 586 Montgomery Street, Chicopee, MA 01020.
- Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the Zone Change approved. Councilor Balakier stated converting to a 2 family, approved by the Planning Board. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.
- 21 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Zone Change application from Business A to Residence A for 7,378 SF of property located at 1230 Montgomery Street for purposes of single family residence. There is no business here. Applicant: Donald J. Ruel, 72 Parenteau Ct., Chicopee, MA 01020.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the Zone Change approved. Councilor Balakier stated vacant lot, for a single family, approved by the Planning Board. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

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A favorable Zoning Committee report: Be it Ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Delete Chapter 275-66 A in its entirety

And insert in place thereof

275-66 A Burnett Road

- A. No further business, commercial or industrial development shall occur on Burnett Road from the Ludlow/Chicopee line to the intersection of New Lombard Road and Burnett Road and any appurtenant street for a period of one year commencing on April 1, 2024, and terminating on April 1, 2025, except by special permit.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and approved. Councilor Balakier stated much discussion on the merits of this proposal. Planning and legal, this has been going on for 25 years. Had a spirited discussion. Councilor Shumsky stated 25 years old, sat down with the planning director, needs to be a solution. Speed is out of control, looking at different solutions. Councilor Wagner stated all for finding solutions. This is doing nothing but hindering business. This should never have come forward again. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated this was discussed in other wards because it was not legal if someone from another ward comes and says we want to follow the same thing can there be a discrimination case? Councilor Shumsky asked can we get the City Clerk input on this? Will require a traffic impact study. Councilor Wagner stated would argue it is hindering business. Tesla went right next door. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated get a solution. Will it take another 25 years? That's a very long time to come up with a solution. What are we going to do about it. Councilor Shumsky stated not going to take another 25 years. Never met with the Planning Board and Engineer, have time to work on it, only been on the council for 9 months. Councilor Courchesne stated he is working with people on this. Always supported others. Is it going to get fixed in a year? Probably not. But we've been on the hook for 24 years, give him one more year to figure it out. Councilor Roy stated don't like the idea of suffocating businesses on Burnett Road, give him one year. Councilor Zygarowski stated sit on Zoning, had much conversation. Before I vote another time I want to see a plan. Just like we helped on Chicopee Street, traffic all over the city. It's a throughway to Ludlow. Hopefully we can get someone to design something. Don't think the residents will ever be happy. Have to be patient.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to allow Clerk Rattell to speak. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent. Clerk Rattell stated yes this was first passed 25 years ago. When his parents moved to Burnett Road it was a dirt road. Temporary solution, to curb studies. Met with the Planning Director Kate Brown, City Engineer Steve Fredricks, went to Ludlow to see if they would agree to ban trucks, they said no. Surprised it has worked for so long. He is asking for one more year. A permanent solution has to be put in place. Would give the ward councilor one more year. Councilor Goff stated will support one more year but want to see a solution.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Brooks absent. Councilor Laflamme stated as soon as Councilor Shumsky got on met with him. Every year this has to be done right away. Will support due to the fact he has been working very hard on this. Will support 100% he has been working very hard on this would support any councilor working this hard. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes 1 no. Councilor Wagner voting no. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 23 Be it Ordered that nominations to the Board of Health be accepted and closed and Theresa Picard be reappointed to the Board of Health.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to close nominations and Theresa Picard be approved to the Board of Health. Councilor Zygarowski stated will do an excellent job. Councilor Balakier stated has been on the board, knows how to do the job, give kudos. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 24 Pursuant to the City of Chicopee OPEB Trust, (Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Agreement), The City Council hereby appoints the following trustees to the OPEB Board of Trustees in accordance with Article 5 of the Trust Agreement; City Auditor Sharyn Riley, City Treasurer Marie Laflamme, Chairman of the City Council Frank Laflamme, Member of the School Committee Ronald Benard, and Member of the Chicopee Electric Light Board Daniel Faille.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and refer to the Finance Committee with a 2nd by Councilor Zygarowski. Councilor Labrie stated discuss in committee. Councilor Courchesne asked why in Finance? No financial interest. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated the people that have been named on this order are any retired. Maybe we put some retirees. Councilor Wagner stated confusion, when dealing with employment people aren't too eager to volunteer. Thought we weren't in compliance, bring to DLS law. Acts of the general court. Appointment by legislature. When the general law was accepted. Might be worth having a more in depth discussion. Grandfathered in, in favor of approving these tonight. Need people to administer these funds. Current list of board of trustees is sound. Vote them in. Councilor Labrie stated your opinion on how to handle this, trust article 5. Councilor Zygarowski stated very complicated, looked at and tried to figure out where it should go. To make sure there was not conflict. Councilor Shumsky stated the School Committee member is a retiree.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and pass. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 25 Be it Ordered that the Public Works Committee meet to request signage on Prospect Street near 746 and 464 Prospect Street.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Public Works Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated need for more signage. Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to withdraw. Motion to withdraw passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 26 Be it Ordered that the City Council schedule a Committee of the Whole public meeting to discuss the conditions of the property at Center Street Park on Center Street in Chicopee.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to refer to the Committee of the Whole. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated center street park has been questioned about food trucks. Have a meeting.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to refer to the Recreation Committee. Councilor Goff stated park was supposed to be used for food trucks and recreation. Councilor Courchesne stated has anyone spoken to planning, is this a city park. Councilor Shumsky asked is this a city parcel.

--Motion made by Councilor Shumsky to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Brooks absent. Councilor Laflamme stated parcel is City of Chicopee, couldn't sell the property. Call department heads. Not in favor of sending this to any committees. Vendor is moving out, the contract is over. Negotiating with someone else will be maintained by facilities. Work with the ward councilor, respect each other's ward. Postpone

Councilor Pniak-Costello stated 150% correct oversight, did not notify ward 2 councilor. Was an oversight. Councilor Goff stated would like to apologize also, sometimes we go headstrong into something. Motion made by Councilor Goff to table. Motion to table passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 27 Be it Ordered that the Public Works Committee meet to discuss the status of 25 MPH on New Ludlow Road.

Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to refer to the Public Works Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated has been approved by the council, have a public meeting to let the residents know. Councilor Zygarowski stated did you speak to Doug Ellis about this. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 28 Be it Ordered that the Public Safety Committee meet to discuss the intersection of Dale Street and Rolf Avenue.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to amend to read Orange Street and Dale Street at Kendall Street and Dale Street. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to refer to the Public Safety Committee, invite Engineering, School and Police. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 29 Be it Ordered that the Rules and Orders of the City Council Meetings shall be amended as follows Rule 15 add to standing committees a Litter Committee.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Rules Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated requested request of resident. Councilor Wagner stated in favor of concept, citizens council, working groups with volunteers will vote to send to rules to discuss. Councilor Courchesne stated thanks Chloe for information and correct answers. Councilor Shumsky stated reach out to each ward, do a neighborhood cleanup. Chamber, local business. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated want to say volunteerism in ward 9, clean up Ludlow Road and New Ludlow Road. Get other people to volunteer. Amazing what they have done. Went out there in 95 degree weather. In ward 1 they have Willimansett heights hall. Ward 9 has a group. Have to have a structure to be long term and can work. Hoping something can come from this. Councilor Wagner stated idea is not to establish a committee, just to keep the city clean.

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Brooks absent. Councilor Laflamme stated how many cities and towns have this, only one. Will send to rules, will look at it. Have neighborhood ones. Clean part of that. City council shouldn't get involved, some are. There are money and programs out there, Chloe will help review ourselves. Looking to merge some communities. Councilor Courchesne stated invite helps a lot. Commission, neighborhood councils, can start in wards. Can do in each ward. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 30 Be it Ordered that the DPW install a Do Not Block the Driveway sign at Broadway driveway of 132 East Main Street.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and sent to the DPW for implementation. Councilor Krampits stated Falls View apartments, driveway is on Broadway. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 31 Be it Ordered that the DPW install a Go Slow Children sign between 7 and 17 Bromont Street.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and sent to DPW for implementation. Councilor Krampits stated constituent request. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 32 A proposed ordinance striking from Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Tourtelotte Avenue, South (Even) Side – From Chicopee Street to a point 100 feet westerly thereof, No Parking, Stopping or Standing.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated people were confused by the words no standing. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 33 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Tourtelotte Avenue, South (even) Side – From Chicopee Street to a point 25 feet westerly thereof. Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated to fix the previous. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 34 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Lucretia Avenue, Odd side from Tourtelotte Avenue to a point 25 feet, Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated same street, curve needs signs. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 35 A proposed ordinance striking from Chapter 260, Bus Stops, Chicopee/Baptist Streets, Bus Stop #6444.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated bus stop, people are destroying peoples property. Get rid of the bus stop. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 36 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Hampden Street, West (Even) Side – From Sanford Street to a point 25 feet northerly thereof, Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Labrie stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 37 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Raymond Avenue, South side – From 120 feet westerly of George Street to the end of the road, Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated discuss in committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 38 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 28 Peloquin Drive, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated discuss in committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 39 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 38 Peloquin Drive, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated discuss in committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 40 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 62 Peloquin Drive, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Goff to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Goff stated discuss in committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 41 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 87 Cochran Street, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Krampits stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 42 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Hampshire Street, Traveling west-intersection of Syrek Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Krampits stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 43 An application for a NEW Special Permit under Section 275-9 (L)(3) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of renewing existing Special Permit for a proposed multi-family development with waiver of parking requirements from 88 to 75 spaces at 0 Oak St. (Parcel ID 0147-005H). Location of Property: 0 Oak Street. Map & Parcel ID: 147-5H. Name of Applicant: Culper Properties, LLC, 444 A. N. Main Street, #125, E. Longmeadow, MA 01028.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning, Planning, Building, and Engineering Departments. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 44 An application for a NEW Special Permit under Chapter 275-67 of the Municipal Zoning Ordinances for the purpose of Redevelopment of a portion of the property located at 0 Main Street (Off Fiske Lane) in the Mill Conversion & Commercial Overlay District. Waivers Requested: Reduction in parking (105 vs 95); Building height (52'9" vs 40'); Building permit & construction fees; and EV spaces (5 vs 3). Location of property: 0 Main Street (off Fiske Lane) Map & Parcel ID: 0174/00018. Name of Applicant: David Spada, DS Development, LLC, 1 Wildflower Lane, Weston, MA 02493.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning, Planning, Building, and Engineering Departments. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 45 Application for a NEW Special Permit under Chapter 275-30(B) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of Installation of four (4) Conex storage containers for additional storage at the company's fabrication facility. Two containers are 40 x 8 and two are 20 x 8. Location of property: 85 Lemay Street. Map & Parcel ID: 0501-00015. Name of Applicant: Notch Mechanical Constructors – CO Karla Gerliep, 85 Lemay Street, Chicopee, MA 01030.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning, Planning, Building, and Engineering Departments. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 46 Application for a NEW Special Permit under Chapter 275-67 & 62 of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of approval for a mixed use development including up to 600 new residential units and up to 400,000 square feet of commercial space within the former Cabotville Mill Complex under the City's Mill Conversion and Commercial Overlay District. Location of property: 165 Front Street. Map & Parcel ID: see attachments. Name of applicant: 165 Front LLC, 3E Evergreen Rd, Unit 101 New City, NY 10956.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning, Planning, Building, and Engineering Departments. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 47 Application for a NEW Special Permit under Chapter 275-50 C (2)(b) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of installation of an electronic sign on front lawn of Chicopee Public Library. Waivers requested: setback from 25' to 18'. Location of property: 449 Front Street. Map & Parcel ID: 0080-00019. Name of applicant: Dave Rice, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning, Planning, Building, and Engineering Departments. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 48 Application for a NEW Zone Change from Commercial A to Industrial for the entirety of property located at 0 McKinstry Avenue, Chicopee, Massachusetts, 01020 Parcel ID# 0362-00046 for the purpose of creating one contiguous zoning district by extending the industrial zoning district and allowing for the continued use of the subject property. Please refer to the attached Statement of Purpose and Impact for greater detail. Petitioner Name & Address: Gramntad, LLC, c/o Mr. Clark Wojtowicz, 295 Chicopee Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning and Planning Department. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 49 Application for a NEW Home Occupation License at 34 Riverview Terrace Chicopee, MA 01013 for the purpose of doing frozen desserts. Name and address of individual: Alexzander Delgado, 34 Riverview Terrace, Chicopee, MA 01013.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Krampits stated take up in committee. Councilor Brooks absent.

- 50 An application for a NEW Class II license applied for by: Jaghory Auto Body, 922 Front Street. Applicant: 507 B Union Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Krampits stated take up in committee. Councilor Brooks absent.

Adjournment:

--Motion made by Councilor Wagner to adjourn at 9:33. Motion passed. Councilor Brooks absent.

ATTEST:



Keith W. Rattell, City Clerk